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The Bratton Family

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DEDICATION

To the memory of our worthy ancestors, through whose zeal for that which is right we have enjoyed and are now enjoying many blessings—

To the present generation whose privilege it is so to use every moment of time given us to influence those around us in such a way that it may tend to further their eternal welfare, and that those who soon will take our places may have a worthy example to follow—

To the generations yet unborn, who will have new problems to solve and who have an inherent right to the privilege of looking back to an ancestry that has been true to man and true to their GOD—

This Record is faithfully presented.

FOREWORD

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Very little is known about Robert Bratton by the present generation. It is known, however, that he and his wife and children moved to the site of what is now Whitingham, Vermont, in 1770. and that they moved from a farm near Coleraine, Mass.

There is a story told of three brothers who went from Ireland to England, and then to North Carolina. There they separated and two of them went north, settling in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Robert was said to have married a "wild Irish girl" named Betsey Faren. I could obtain no proof of this, except that there was about 3,000 Scotch-Irish and considerable numbers of Scotch Highlanders who came to America between 1746-1776. At any rate there was a John Peter Bratton in North Carolina as early as 1735. And there a great many more that I have been unable to connect at this time still living in the Carolinas.

I am greatly indebted to Mr. A. D. Wheeler, the Town Clerk of Whitingham, Vermont, for his aid in supplying early records. In Vol. V of "State Papers of Vermont" appears the following:

"PETITION OF ROBERT BRATTON (spelled Brayton) et al, For Land in Whitingham.

To Honorable the General Assembly of the State of Vermont at their next Session at Windsor, in October next.

The Petition of Robert Brayton, Ebenezer Davis, Hezekiah Lef-fingwell, Nathaniel Davis, David Brayton, John Brayton, Farrand Davis and Levi Shumway Jr., Robert Nelson, Robert Brayton Jr., inhabitants and Settlers of the town of Whitingham and County of Cumberland, humbly sheweth—

That sometime in the year 1770 (1771)? Your Petitioners did enter on a certain tract of (as they thought then ungranted) land, Contain-ing about 5,000 acres. Which land has been claimed in or about the year 1767 by virtue of A Military Grant, from the Government of New York to Certain Persons, by two persons Namely Carlton & Wickham. Said land lying in Northwest Corner of the Township of Whitingham so called, which claim your Petitioners did not think just and Reasonable—

And now your Petitioners, being eased of their Embarassments, by the Above mentioned Claimants Carlton & Wickham, Going to and Joining the enemies of this & The United States, whereby they forfeited their right if any they had there, humbly pray, that the above mentioned five thousand acres of Land may be sold, or granted to them by the Authority of this State for a reasonable price

The foregoing was signed by 15 persons including the Petitioners mentioned therein, at Whitingham, Sept. 17, 1778. A note at the bot-tom of page 25, states, "Robert Brayton (Bratton) was a member of the Assembly from Whitingham, in 1780.

This petition was received on October 24, 1778, but no entry was

made in the journals respecting it until February 22, 1781, when the committee appointed to wait on the surveyor general relative to vacant lands to be granted at that session, reported that "a tract of land lying in the town of Whitingham petitioned for by Mr. Robert Bratton and others" was in such a position that that it might be granted by that Assembly."

"STATE OF VERMONT," In GENERAL ASSEMBLY 23rd Feby, 1781. Resolved that a Grant of Land be made to Robert Bratton, and Associates 7 in number in the North east corner of Whitingham, including the quantity of Two Thousand Acres, and the Governor and Council are requested to issue a Charter of said Land under such reservations and restrictions as they think proper."

From a book "Green Leaves of Whitingham"—By Jillson, there was an account of the family's journey from Massachusetts through the wild country. They blazed a trail through the forest carrying their belongings and leading an old cow. They had an old iron kettle which served as milk pail, water pail and cooking pot.

Upon entering the Deerfield Valley, Mrs. Bratton climbed a tall tree and sighted where she wanted her cabin built. Whether this was the "wild" woman, I do not know, but on May 19, 1780 on the "terrible dark day" the story was told how Mrs. Bratton planted an apple tree, which was known for many years as "Grandmother Bratton's Apple Tree." Thus she showed her faith in the future when everyone else thought the world was coming to an end. These early settlers endured many hardships for the first few years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bratton were instrumental in getting schools started, and getting a preacher to come and hold meetings in the homes.

After a few years a church was built, and Robert Bratton was elected to the job of "Tithingman." He had a long stick with a brass knob on one end and a rabbit's foot on the other, and it was his job to keep the congregation awake. The brass knob was used on the men, and the rabbit's foot on the children and women. The churches were unheated, and people carried pails of hot coals, around which they huddled for warmth. Sometimes the sermons lasted two hours.

Robert also served as Selectman for the term on several occasions, and he and Silas Hamilton surveyed the land and layed out the town making it six miles square. The first sale of Real Estate was recorded by Robert Bratton. In 1770 the Population was 14, of which eight were adults and six children, three boys and three girls. By 1780 the population had increased to over 800. So no doubt Robert sold quite a few parcels of his land. Stores and Mills sprang up as the town grew. Robert was a farmer as well as a statesman, but there was a great deal of money made from lime and soda ash in the community.

Both Robert and Betsey were buried in Sadawga Cemetery, at one corner of the town. Unfortunately the old tombstones got moved around and part of Robert's land is now covered by the Reservoir which furnishes power for the city, and also the large park that goes with it.

I could not find the dates of their passing, but the last reference in the book was 1782, when Robert was Selectman.

—MRS. THAD BRATTON

Robert Bratton and Betsey Farrand Family

Robert Bratton and Betsey Faren or Rarrand. Came to Vermont in 1770.

Their Children

Margaret Bratton, b. Nov. 8, 1755; unmarried; d. Dec. 2, 1842; age 87.
David Bratton.

Lydia Spencer, married.

Robert Bratton, Jr.; unmarried.

Susannah Bratton; b. 1763; married Dec. 14, 1797; d. 1849

Zachariah Wheeler

John Bratton; b. 1768; married; d. June 21, 1856

Lois Wilcox; b. 1777; m. Oct. 15, 1801; d. Nov. 15, 1871, age 94

I would like to note here that Harriet Hathaway and Mrs. Laura Bratton Schwarz, listed as Polly Bratton who married Ebenezer Davis was a daughter of Robert & Betsey Bratton. I wrote to Mr. Wheeler (Town Clerk) about them and here is his reply:

Re: **Ebenezer Davis — Polly Bratton**

On page 78 of Vol. I of Town Records, I find the marriage certificate of— Ebenezer Davis & Polly Dalrymple, both of Whitingham, dated December 1st, 1803, which would indicate that Ebenezer's Polly was not a Bratton, unless Polly Dalrymple was a widow, or else Ebenezer married twice. Again Ebenezer Davis owned land in Bratton's Grant, adjacent to the John Bratton Farm. He was the son of Nathaniel & Hannah Davis and was born July 3, 1784. Dolly Whitcomb spoke of him as being a great Uncle; he died in August, 1875 at the age of 91. (If she was Robert & Betsey's daughter, she must have been the youngest, as Ebenezer wasn't born until 1784.) But there was a Mrs. Dalrymple there on the very early days after settlement.

Grandchildren of Robert Bratton

Record of the Family of **David Bratton**, son of Robert

1. Anna Bratton; b. Jan. 18, 1787; married; d. Jan. 28, 1876, age 89
Doctor Smith
2. Robert Bratton; b. April 3, 1888; m. March 12, 1818; d. 1872
Hudah Knowlton Butler; b. 1783; d. 1879. Moved to Ohio in 1831
3. Thomas Bratton; b. 1790; m. Dec. 18, 1814; still alive in 1869
Abigail Jipson; d. October, 1880. Both of Stamford.
4. Andrew Bratton; b. 1792; m. June 2, 1814; d. Nov. 8, 1874
Abigail Wheeler; m. June 2, 1814.
5. Abner Bratton; b. April, 1795; m. 1820 in Vermont; d. Feb., 1875
Betsey Wadleigh; b. 1797
6. Daniel Bratton; unmarried; d. November, 1864
7. Sally Bratton; married to Ezekiel Harrington
8. John Bratton; m. Feb. 11, 1829
Julia Ann Crawford of Bennington
9. David Bratton; died young
10. Betsey Bratton; died young
11. Betsey Bratton II; m. Oct. 15, 181, to Isaac Trim 1st

Anna Smith Family

The Record of the Family of **Anna Bratton & Doctor Smith** (1st child of David & Lydia Spencer Bratton and Grandchild of Robert)

Plin or Plim Smith; m.; d. June 7, 1872, at Grand Rapids, Mich.

----- Holbrook

Sidney Smith; m.; stayed in Vermont

----- ?

Mary Smith; m.

----- Hardy

Eliza Smith; m. Lived in Michigan

----- Bennet

Cynthia Smith; m.; lived in Paw Paw, Mich.

----- Wright

Henry Smith, also called Harry; married his cousin on Smith side

Melissa Conkey

Clarissa Smith; m.

----- Holbrook

Alfred Smith; m.; d. July 9, 1870

b. 1825 CATTARAUGUS, N. Y.

JULIA M. Poyer b. 3 AUG. 1835 d. 15 JAN 1892

Children of Plim and Grandchildren of Anna

1. Daughter

----- Anderson; lived in West

She had a daughter who married a ----- Vellieu

2. Daughter; b. 1869

Unknown if Sidney Smith had children or not

Children of Hiram Smith and Grandchildren of Anna

He had eight children; at least two girls.

1. Adeline Smith; m. to ----- LaFever

His youngest child died away from home in Minnesota. He also had at least two grandsons.

Children of Harry and Melissa Smith

One died in Michigan. Others (how many?) went to California.

John Smith

Children of Alfred & *JULIA* Poyer Smith

1. Bell Smith; m. to Herman J. Ball

2. and 3. Two sons; *FREDERICK D. b. 1858 & LEWIS ALFRED b. 1863*

² Robert Bratton and Huldah Knowlton Family

In 1831, stock Robert Bratton tired of trying to farm the stony hillsides of Vermont, set out with his wife Huldah Knowlton Butler, and their seven children, to find a better place to make a living. They moved their household goods from Bennington, Vermont, by ox-cart to Lake Champlain, and thence to the St. Lawrence River. Here they boarded a boat and came to Cleveland, Ohio. where they disembarked and obtained another ox-cart and team of oxen. They loaded their belongings upon the cart, and Huldah, a woman of noble stature, climbed upon the top with the smaller children, and rode until they reached Brecksville, where they made their home for many years. It took a great deal of courage to make such a journey into the wilderness with a family of small children. Their children were:

1.³ David Bratton; b. 1818; m.; d. 1895, age 77

Laura Tuthill; b. 1822; d. 1888

2. Lydia Bratton; b. 1820; unmarried; d. 1886, age 66

3. Sally Butler Bratton; b. 1821; unmarried; d. 1909, age 88

4. Robert Bratton; b. 1823; unmarried; d. 1909, age 86

5. Timothy Bratton; b. 1824; d. 1832, age 8

6. Harry Butler Bratton; b. 1826; m.; d. 1898, age 73

Harriet Beckley

7. Alonzo Bratton; b. August, 1825; died in infancy

8. Joseph Knowlton Bratton; b. 1827; m.; d. 1903, age 76

Clara Holcomb

Lucia Cornell

When he was grown, young Robert went to Ashtabula and bought a tract of about 350 acres of swamp land at a few cents an acre. He induced his father and brothers Joe and Harry to come to Ashtabula too, and help him cut the wood and drain the land. Sally and Lydia and their mother came too, to keep house for the men and do the various duties of the early settlers. They spun,

wove and sewed all of their clothing, including sweaters, sox, dresses, pants for the men; even their towels were homespun. They skimmed the milk from as high as 16 Guernsey cows and churned butter, putting it down in wooden tubs to sell when the price was the highest. At one time they had a flock 115 sheep besides the lambs. Besides making soap, canning and drying immense quantities of fruits and vegetables it was no wonder they never married. They didn't have the time. Robert and Lydia and Sally all belonged to the Pomona Grange which met twice a month. Sally helped to organize and was a teacher in the Sunday School. Huldah did her part by knitting warm clothing, and making cheese. At one time she had over seven hundred pounds of cheese to take to market. at the huge sum of eight cents a pound. She would have had nine cents a pound if she had had new cloths to put around the outside. The father worked on the farm too until he got too feble, doing chores and caring for chickens, turkeys and the garden.

David and his wife Laura stayed in Brecksville and operated a farm on what is now the Veterans' Hospital. They had four children. They visited the relatives in Ashtabula frequently and were visited by them quite often. I wrote to Laura Schwarz to inquire if anyone lives at the old Homestead in Ashtabula, and here is her answer: "Do some of the Brattons still live on the farm where Robert and Sally and Lydia put in so many hard days? Yes, we live on part of it. When great uncle Robert died, there were about 300 acres of nice farm land along Lake Erie, which he willed to two nieces, Rosaline and Sally Houser, daughters of Harry Bratton. and to one nephew, my father. When Robert and his father and brother came to Ashtabula, Harry and family lived in one house on the farm, and Robert and Huldah, with the young folks, Robert, Sally and Lydia, lived in another. Joseph, another son, settled in Newlyme about 25 miles away, and David stayed in Brecksville.

When my father was 21, he went to Ashtabula to help Uncle Robert, and he married and lived the rest of his life on the place. My father's share of the estate is the middle one-third of the farm, and he bought more land as he could afford it, so our farm is 180 acres. Although Rosaline died a couple years ago at the age of 97, three of her children all unmarried still live on the place which adjoins ours to the east. A grandson of her daughter Harriet, also lives with them. Aunt Sally died at 92, her oldest daughter Berniece died about four months later; and the youngest son Robert was sick at the time. He had a succession of light strokes and finally passed away. That left Harry, Adeline and Gertrude at home in the old house which Uncle Robert and his father had lived and died in. Like all real old homes, there was a fireplace. To me it has always been interesting, because it is different than any other I have seen. In the middle of the basement is a fair sized brick smokehouse, and rising from it is the fireplace chimney, with two fireplaces opening from it, one facing south and the other east. The south one was in Kreat Aunt Sally's bedroom. The east one was in the "living room" and we used to sit there often in the evening with a basket of apples and a huge pan of popcorn. Uncle Robert and Uncle Sam would play checkers. Uncle Robert was very good and Uncle Joe was the county champion checker player."

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The Record of the children of David and Laura Bratton

1. Infant son; b. 1848; died young
2. Lydia Marie Bratton; b. 1852; m. June 3, 1886; d. 1921
William Evans; b. Feb. 16, 1843
3. Ernest Elmer Bratton; b. Aug. 1, 1861; d. Dec. 10, 1934
Julia Houser; b. April 24, 1871; d. April 11, 1915
4. Harvey Tuthill Bratton; b. April 13, 1865; m. Oct. 16, 1888
Jennie Foote; b. Nov. 6, 1868

Sometime after 1856, while the children were still young, Lois

Bratton, one of four children of another David Bratton (the son of John and Lois Wilcox Bratton), came to live with them after the death of her mother, Patience Sprague Bratton. Although older than the children of David and Laura, she grew up with them as an older sister, but they called her "Aunt Lois." When grown she taught school for a time until she married Hamlin Bourne.

The Record of the children of Lydia Marie and Wm. Evans

1. David William; b. March 29, 1887; m. Dec. 27, 1911
Bessie Witshire; b. Sept. 16, 1886
2. Laura May Evans; b. July 22, 1889; m. Oct. 18, 1948; d. May 7, 1956
Russell Bailey; b. Sept. 26, 1889; d. Aug. 19, 1950

The Record of the children of David Wm. and Bessie Evans

1. Beatrice Ruth Evans; b. June 22, 1915; m.
Orley Gingery
2. Doris Evans; b. May 2, 1920, a twin; d., age 10 months
3. Dorothy Evans; b. May 2, 1920, a twin; m.
Haron Swaffield
4. Raymond Howard Evans, b. May 30, 1925; m. 1945
Louise Wittuhn, b. May, 1925

The Record of the family of Beatrice Ruth and Orlen Gingery

1. Roy Gingery; b. June 23, 1942
2. Ralph Gingery; b. Jan. 4, 1945
3. James Gingery, b. March, 1949

The Record of the family of Dorothy and Harman Swaffield

1. David Swaffield; b. May 2, 1949
2. Linda Swaffield, b. Sept. 7, 1954

The Record of the family of Raymond and Louise Evans

1. Elaine Evans; b. 1950
2. Donald C. Evans; b. April 23, 1953

The Record of Ernest E. and Julia H. Bratton's family

1. Infant son, Lloyd Ernest; b. 1896
2. Laura Elizabeth; b. Sept. 16, 1899; m. June 2, 1934
Harold Fredrich Schwarz; b. Sept. 30, 1904
3. David Elmer Bratton; b. Jan. 21, 1902; unmarried
4. Lillian Fern Bratton; b. April 11, 1909

The Record of the family of Laura E. and Harold Schwarz

1. Robert Ernest Schwarz; b. July 10, 1935 *has 5 children*
Mary Susan DeGeorge; b. May 30, 1934; m. June 7, 1955
2. Richard Carl Schwarz; b. Sept. 4, 1937 *Richard's son b. Oct 22 - 1958*
myrna

The Record of Robert and Mary Schworz's Family

1. Karl Fredrich Schwarz; b. Dec. 4, 1955
2. Kurt Allen Schwarz; b. Jan. 28, 1957
3. Paul Robert Schwarz; b. Nov. 18, 1957

Children of Harvey T. and Jennie Bratton

1. Harvey George Bratton; b. May 1, 1890; m. January, 1911
May Chaffee; b. May 14, 1889; d. Nov. 22, 1944
2. Harry Burdette Bratton; b. April 5, 1898; m. July 24, 1918
Verda Barnes; b. April 16, 1899

The Record of the family of Harvey George and May Bratton

1. George Leroy Bratton; b. Aug. 12, 1911; m. Dec. 3, 1932
Hilma Augusta; b. Dec. 1, 1909 *AUGUSTSON*
2. Ada Belle Bratton; b. Aug. 7, 1916; m. Aug. 30, 1940
Howard Carter; b. May 23, 1911

3. Norma May Bratton; b. April 28, 1920

(1) Fred Scamehorn

(2) Forrest Cummings; b. May 18, 1910; m. Aug. 2, 1947

The Record of the family of George Leroy and Hilma Bratton

1. Robert Leroy; b. Oct. 17, 1946

2. Barbara Kim; b. February 22, 1948

The Record of the Family of Ada and Howard Carter

1. Nancy Lou Carter; b. August 13, 1943

2. Anita May Carter; b. November 7, 1946

3. Lorna Lee Carter; b. January 20, 1949, a twin

4. Donna Lynn Carter; b. January 20, 1949, a twin

The Record of the Family of Norma and Fred Scamahorn

1. George William; b. March 15, 1943

2. Polly Ann; b. August 7, 1945

Known by the name of Cummings

The Record of the Family of Harry and Verda Bratton

1. Margaret Bratton; b. September 21, 1919; m.

Dean Dudgeon; b. September 10, ---

2. Harry Harvey Bratton; b. Jan. 19, 1922; m. Sept. 12, ----

Loretta Pretzer

Children of Margaret and Dean Dudgeon

1. Dean Arnold Dudgeon; b. March 20, 1939

2. Janice Ann Dudgeon; b. December 2, 1941

3. Dennis Dale; b. August 4, 1943

4. Diana Dudgeon; b. August 9, 1952

Children of Harry Harvey and Loretta Bratton

1. Raymond Bratton; b. October 23, 1951

2. Coletta Bratton; b. May ----

3. Donald Bratton; b. February 11, ----

The Record of the Family of Harry and Harriet Beckly Bratton

Sixth Child of Robert and Huldah Bratton

1. Ella Bratton; b. Oct. 5, 1958; m. 1874; d. Dec. 20, 1883

Levi Waite; b. Sept. 19, 1853

2. Adelbert Bratton; b. Nov. 25, 1850; d. June 10, 1864

3. Sally Bratton; b. Aug. 21, 1855; d. Jan. 20, 1949

Samuel Aaron Houser; b. Dec. 7, 1854; d. 1921

4. Rosaline Lucinda Bratton; b. Oct. 29, 1857; m. Dec. 23, 1883;

d. May 6, 1955

John Jacob Houser; b. April 22, 1856; d. April 8, 1939

5. Lorin Bratton; b. Sept. 23, 1860; unmarried; d. April 19, 1890

6. Adeline Bratton; b. Dec. 31, 1861; d. Aug. 13, 1872

The Children of Levi and Ella Bratton Waite

1. Mildred Waite; b. Feb. 26, 1875; m. May 16, 1895; d. Dec. 14, 1946

William Karhn; b. Jan. 5, 1864; d. Nov. 16, 1915

2. Nellie Waite; b. Feb. 13, 1876; d. April 29, 1893

3. Inez Waite; b. Juyl 15, 1880; d. July 2, 1895

The Children of William and Mildred Waite Karhn

1. Infant Nellie; b. Feb. 20, 1896; d. Feb. 26, 1896

2. Nellie Frances; b. Aug. 17, 1897; m. Aug. 22, 1925

Edwin E. Gleason; b. March 3, 1892

3. William Daniel; b. Aug. 20, 1899; m. 1927

Anita Winther; b. Aug. 10, 1899; divorced June, 1954

4. Alice Mildred; b. Nov. 3, 1905; m. Feb. 18, 1926

Paul K. Armstrong; b. May 26, 1896; divorced 1934

William Gottlieb; b. May 15, 1896; m. Dec. 7, 1945

The Children of Edwin and Nellie Karhn Gleason

1. Conrad Edwin Gleason; b. Aug. 6, 1927
2. Geraldine Maine Gleason; b. July 19, 1930
3. Phyllis Lorraine Gleason; b. Nov. 3, 1932

The Children of Samuel and Sally Bratton Houser

1. Berniece Huldah Houser; b. Oct. 19, 1878; unmarried; d. May 22, 1949
2. Harry Samuel Houser; b. Jan. 6, 1883
3. Arthur Adelbert Houser; b. Dec. 19, 1887
Helen Carter; b. 1893
4. Adeline Mary Houser; b. Feb. 27, 1888 — 1959 - Fall.
5. Gertrude Lillian Houser; b. Jan. 23, 1891
6. Robert Harold Houser; b. Dec. 11, 1893; d. July, 1953

Children of Arthur and Helen Carter Houser

1. James A. Houser; b. Aug. 23, 1921
(1) Barbara Murray; m. 1942
(2) Dorothy -----; m. 1954
2. Donald Allen Houser; b. Nov. 25, 1925
3. Beverley Jean Houser; b. March 27, 1928
Gilbert Anderson; b. -----
4. Bonita Ann Houser; b. June 17, 1936

Children of James and Barbara Murray Houser

1. James; b. April 21, 1943
2. Judith Ann; b. March 18, 1945

Children of John and Rosaline Bratton Houser

1. John Karl Houser; b. Oct. 12, 1884; m.
Elzana Bergeron
2. Ralph Houser; b. Jan. 3, 1886
3. Harriet Elizabeth Houser; b. Aug. 7, 1890; m.; d. April 30, 1954
Fred Spittal; b. Nov. 28, 1888; m. 1915
4. Mary Alberta Houser; b. Oct. 25, 1892
5. Florence Ella Houser; b. Jan. 17, 1895
6. Harley Herman Houser; b. Jan. 7, 1897; m.
Dorothy Edmonds
7. Hugh Reginald Houser; b. July 4, 1900; m.
Ellen Wenstrom

Children of John K. and Elzana Bergeron Houser

1. John Earl Houser; b. 1912; m.
Helen -----

Children of John E. and Helen Houser

1. John Gregory Houser; b. Oct. 12, 1951
2. Gary Anthony Houser; b. Jan. 31, 1953

Children of Harriet and Fred Spittal

1. Rosemary Spittal; b. Nov. 3, 1916; m.
William Garber
2. Jean Spittal; b. Feb. 17, 1918; m.
Joseph Mackin

Children of William and Rosemary Spittal Garber

1. Mary Ann; b. Jan. 21, 1940
2. Jan; b. June 12, 1941
3. Sally; b. Jan. 4, 1949
4. Helen Sue; b. Jan. 27, 1951
5. Phyllis; b. Feb. 22, 1953

Children of Harley and Dorothy Edmonds Houser

1. Philip Houser; b. April 14, 1938
2. Patricia Houser; b. April 17, 1941

Seventh child - Alonzo Bratton - died in infancy

The Record of Joseph and Clarissa Holcomb and Lucia
Cornell Bratton (Eighth Child)

1. Huldah Bratton; b. 1852; m.
Eli Rhodes
2. Rhoda Bratton; b. 1869; m.
Isaac Brooks; d. 1940
3. Little Bratton; b. 1874; m.
John Sommers
4. Sylvenus Bratton; b. 1867; m. *died Nov 20 or 21 - 1958*
Iva Morrison
5. Eva Bratton; b. 1878 (By 2nd wife); m.
Ernest Neff

Huldah and Eli Rhodes had no children

The Record of the Children of Rhoda and Isaac Brooks

1. Clara Brooks; b. 1885; m.
--- Belden
Clara and --- Beldon had 1 child
2. Cynthia Brooks; b. 1883; m.
--- Cantrall
Cynthia and --- Cantrall had 7 children
3. Gladys Brooks; b. 1892; m.
--- Arnold}
--- Arnold} brothers; 1st husband died
Gladys and --- Arnold had children

The Record of the Family of Little and John Sommers

1. Inez Sommers; b. 1895; d. young
2. Cecil Sommerc; b. 1899; m.
Edna -----
Cecil and Edna had a daughter, Alice, b. 1926
3. Claude Sommers; b. 1897; m.
Christina -----

The Children of Claude and Christina Sommers

1. Howard Sommers
2. Alvin Sommers; b. 1925; m.
3. Frank Sommers; b.
4. John Sommers; b. 1929

The Record of the Family of Eva and Ernest Neff

1. Jay Neff, b. 1900; m.
Marvel Bishop
2. Pearl Neff; b. 1913; m.
King Pelton

The Children of Jay and Marvel Neff

1. Lucia Neff; b. 1927; m.
Jerry Mills

The Children of Lucia and Jerry Mills

1. Gerry Mills

The Children of Pearl and King Pelton

1. John Pelton

The Record of the Family of Sylvenus and Iva Morrison Bratton

1. Bessie Bratton; b. 1889; d. 1891
2. Ruth Bratton; b. 1892; m.; d. 1956
Leland Day
3. Robert Bratton; b. 1896; d. 1905



4. Clara Charlotte; b. 1903; m. Carl Jerome
5. Bertram Bratton; b. 1909; unmarried
6. Malcolm Bratton; b. 1911; m. Harriet Bolte

died Feb 14 - 1970

The Children of Ruth and Leland Day

- new child 1960*
1. Francis Day; b. 1920; m. Marie Brown *have a son Glenn Leland b. July 18 1955*
 2. Lillian Roberta Day; b. 19252; m. Earl Wilson *live in California both teachers*
- new child 1960*

The Children of Francis and Marie Day

1. Patricia Day; b. 1951
2. Jeffery Day; b. 1953
3. Anita Day; b. 1955

The Children of Lillian and Earl Wilson

1. Beth Wilson; b. 1949

The Children of Clara and Carl Jerome

1. Ruth Mary Jerome; b. 1930; m. William Service
2. Allan Jerome; b. 1933; m. *Have a daughter Karan Lynne b. Feb 6. 1955*
Geraldine Peck

The Children of Allan and Geraldine Peck

1. Mark Jerome; b. 1955

The Children of Malcolm and Harriet Bratton

1. Linda Bratton; b. 1942
2. Lana Bratton; b. 1944

Thomas and Abigail Bratton's Family

The Record of the Family of Thomas and Abigail Jipson Bratton, the third child of David and Lydia Spencer Bratton and grandson of Robert Bratton I

Thomas Bratton, the second son of David and Lydia (Spencer) Bratton. Born in the early 1790's in the Cumberland District of Vermont. His parents moved when the children were small to Clarksburg, Massachusetts, a small farming district on the line between Vermont and Massachusetts. Lydia did not want her children spoiled by their grandparents, so they moved to a "very back place" on the edge of the mountains, back away from the main road. While living here their home burned down and they were forced to live with a Mr. Blood until they could build another home. Lydia was the daughter of a Presbyterian minister and brought her children up very strict. They were hard workers and industrious to get ahead. When Thomas and Andrew married they settled near their parents, and they all lived in log houses until about 1833.

David died about 1824 and Lydia lived with her son Thomas until his wife died, and then she went to live with Andrew. Thomas built a house on his mother's third of the father's estate, and she went back to live with him. After a while Thomas wanted to go West, where his son Edward had gone so she went back and finished her days with her son, Andrew. Thomas married a lady by the name of Abigail Preston on December 18, 1814. His pet name for her was "Nabby." They had a Maple Sugar Camp which they worked together. They had four children: two sons and two daughters.

Thomas Bratton; born about 1790; married 1814; died (?)

Abigail Preston, born (?), married 1814, died (?)

Their Children

1. Eudorus Bratton; m.
Lydia Morris
2. Sabrina Bratton; died young
3. Velely Jane Bratton; died young
4. Edward M. Bratton; b. Oct. 1, ~~1917~~ ¹⁸⁹⁴; m. Feb. 8, ~~1944~~ ¹⁸⁹⁴; d. 1893
(1) Fanny Harrington; b. in Vermont; m. Feb. 8, 1844
(2) Mary Parker; b. in Iowa; m. Aug. 16, 1849; d. Aug. 27, 1906

Children of Eudorus and Lydia Bratton

(?) At least one girl who died young

Children of Edward Bratton and Fanny Harrington

1. Valeda Jane Bratton; b. Oct. 21, 1844
2. Clarence Linden Bratton; b. Aug. 9, 1846
3. Algernon Bratton; b. Oct. 24, 1847

Children of Edward R. Bratton and Mary C. Parker

4. Samantha N. Bratton; b. Sept. 2, 1851
5. Carlos Manford Bratton; b. Oct. 19, 1853; d. March 14, 1854
6. Charles Thomas Bratton, b. April 29, 1856; m.; d. Nov. 17, 1942
Mary Adams; b. Dec. 3, 1861; d. May, 1914
7. Andrew Clark Bratton; b. Nov. 10, 1860; d. April 27, 1901
8. Eveline M. Bratton; b. April 24, 1862
9. Elva E. Bratton; b. Oct. 5, 1867; d. Aug. 2, 1884
10. Amos Bratton; b. Aug. 16, 1873; April 25, 1893

Children of Charles Thomas Bratton and Mary E. Adams

1. Vernar Leroy Bratton; b. Oct. 23, 1881
2. Clarence Archbald Bratton; b. Feb. 7 or 9, 1885; d. Dec. 2, 1936
3. Ruby Jannetta; b. Feb. 9, 1887; d. July, 1936
4. Charles Linden Bratton; b. March 6, 1884
5. Mary Agnes Florice; b. Dec. 10, 1900; m., Nov. 18, 1933
Alva Ray Harvey; b. Nov. 6, 1896

Children of Florice Bratton and Alva R. Harvey

1. Helen Agnes Kosse; b. Aug. 14, 1918; m.
----- Lee

Children of Helen Agnes Harvey and ----- Lee

1. John Patrick Lee; b. Dec. 8, 1944
2. Mary Ann Lee; b. Dec. 11, 1945
3. Thomas Michel Lee; b. Nov. 1, 1947
4. Susan Marie Lee; b. May 21, 1950
5. Timothy Robert Lee; b. May 21, 1950
6. Nancy Margaret Lee; b. Nov. 11, 1952
7. Patsy Elizabeth Lee; b. Nov. 11, 1952
8. Laurretta Jeanne Lee; b. June 13, 1955

Children of Vernar Bratton and Nancy J.

1. Lee A. Bratton
2. Lester V. Bratton
3. Thomas C. Bratton
----- from Indiana

Andrew and Abigail Bratton's Family

The Record of the Family of Andrew and Abigail Bratton

Andrew Bratton; b. (?). m. June 2, 1814; d. Nov. 1, 1874
Abigail Wheeler; b. (?); m. June 2, 1814; d. (?)

Their Children

1. Anna Bratton; d., age 16

2. Andrew Faren Bratton; m. Oct. 20, 1847
Nancy Day; m. Oct. 20, 1847; both of Stamford, Vt.
3. Sarah (Sally) Bratton; b. 1818; m. Feb. 12, 1856
Henry L. Tuttle; b. 1818; both of Stamford, Vt.; d. 1900, age 82
4. David Bratton; b. 1829; m.; d. 1900, age 71
Lovinia Blood; both of Stamford, Vt.
5. Mary Bratton; m. Nov. 5, 1847; d. 1874
George W. Jipson; of Pownal, Vt.
6. Chauncy Bratton; b. 1826; m. Dec. 7, 1858; d. Dec. 11, 1866
Sarah Rand; from North Adams, Mass.
7. Franklin Bratton; d. at age 21
8. Wheeler Bratton; b. 1828; m.; d. 1886, age 58
Nancy Barber; b. 1840; m.; d. 1928
9. Lydia Ann Bratton; b. 1833; m.; d. 1923, age 90
Rufus Hathaway
10. Betsey Bratton; m. June 21, 1853; she died young
Daniel G. Day. Betsey died young and Daniel then married his
brother-in-law's widow, Sarah Rand

The Children of Andrew Faren and Nancy Day Bratton

1. Nancy Ann Bratton; m.
Barney Phelps
2. Abigail Bratton; m.
----- Clough
3. Louis Bratton; m.

4. Chauncey Bratton; b. April 23, 1857; d. Oct. 2, 1866, age 9
5. David A. Bratton; b. 1853; d. Feb. 8, 1862
6. Sidney Bratton; b. Aug. 5, 1866; d. Sept. 9, 1866, measles
7. Betsey Bratton; b. March, 1856; d. April 12, 1857, croup
8. Betsey Jane Bratton; b. 1858; d. Aug. 22, 1866, consumption

I might note here that Doctors were few and far away. Health rules had not been thought of; therefore epidemics spread quickly, and some families lost several children in a few days time.

The Children of Nancy Ann and Barney Phelps

1. Daughter; m.
----- Smith

The Children of Louis Bratton and his wife

1. Faren (Fay) Bratton

Sarah Bratton and Henry Lee Tuttle had no children

The Children of David and Lovinia Blood Bratton

1. Angelina Bratton; b. Feb. 4, 1860
2. Melissa Bratton; m.
----- Fleming
3. Nettie Bratton; m.
Richmond Oakes
4. Nellie Bratton; b. July 28, 1864; d. 1933
George Fisher
5. Emma Bratton; m.
----- Tudor
6. Lillie Bratton; m.
----- Smith
----- McBride
7. Bratton
8. Eugene Bratton (a girl)
9. Jane W. Bratton; b. April 1, 1863

The Children of Nettie and Richmond Oakes

1. David Oakes; m.
----- (wife's name not known)
2. Beulah Oakes; m.
----- Richmond
3. Harold Oakes; m.
----- (wife's name not known)

The Children of Mary Bratton and George W. Jipson

1. Frank Jipson; m. January, 1874
Mary Lee
2. Evelyn Jipson; m.
Albert Goodrich
3. Minnie Jipson; m.
Lucius Whitney
4. Eleanor Jipson; m.
----- (wife's name not known)
5. LaFayette Jipson
6. Laura Jipson

The Children of Frank and Mary Lee Jipson

1. Minnie Jipson; m.
----- Dunn
2. Florence Jipson; m. *Jipson died 1934 Children of*
Harry Blood remarried age 47 Florence + Harry
3. George Jipson *lives in Calif.*
4. Norris Jipson
5. Herbert Jipson *Marion B. July 4, 1908*

Children of LaFayette and Laura Jipson

1. A daughter (name unknown); m.
Francis Miner

The Children of Chauncy and Sarah Rand Bratton

1. Franklin Bratton; b. March 28, 1862
 2. Charles Bratton; b. March 26, 1866
 3. Della Bratton; m.
 4. Frank Bratton
 5. Ruth Bratton; b. Sept. 7, 1860
 6. Andrew Bratton; b. May 22, 1864
- It is not known if Della Bratton and ----- Mann had a family.

The Record of the Family of Wheeler and Nancy Bratton

1. William Bratton; b. June 17, 1865; d. April 18, 1868
2. Ella Isabelle Bratton; b. Sept. 21, 1859; unmarried; d., about 1949
3. Cora Bratton; b. Feb. 20, 1863; unmarried
4. Arthur George Bratton; m.; d. 1945
Edna VanDusen; d. 1945
5. Olive Bratton; b. Dec. 1, 1868; m.
 1. Henry Thompson
 2. Henry Gardiner
6. Ethel Bratton; b. 1876; unmarried *deceased*
7. Walter Bratton
Clarice Colton
8. Ruth Ann Bratton; b. May 7, 1861; m.
Frank Thompson No children.

The Children of Arthur and Edna Van Dusen Bratton

1. William Van Dusen Bratton; b. 1910; m.
Mary Scott Their Children
 1. John Scott Bratton; b. 1937
 2. Sylvia Bratton; b. 1939
 3. Sarah Bratton; b. 1949

2. Allen Wheeler Bratton; b. 1912; m.
Marion Stevens Their Children
 1. Richard Van Dusen Bratton; b. 1936
 2. Jill Susan Bratton; b. 1942
3. Arthur G. Bratton Jr.; b. 1914; m. 1942
Theodora Boothly; b. 1921 Their Children
 1. Linda Louise Bratton; b. 1944
 2. Theodore Farren Bratton; b. 1946
 3. Jessica Nancy Bratton; b. 1949

The family of Walter and Clarice Bratton

1. Robert Bratton Sr.; lives in Olympia, Wash.
2. Jean Bratton; m.
William Heers; live at Bethesda, Maryland

The children of Robert Bratton Sr. and -----

1. Robert Bratton Jr.; m.
Aleen Conley Live in Olympia, Wash.

The children of Jean and William Heers

1. Deborah Heers
2. Nancy Heers

The children of Olive and Henry Thompson

1. Belle Thompson; m.
Julian Waters. They live at Wodstock Vt., have children and grandchildren
2. Arthur Thompson; m.
Elizabeth Babcock No children.
3. Arnold Thompson; not married
4. LeGrand Thompson; not married; lived with his aunt Ethel in Bennington
5. Margaret Thompson; m.
Everett Lille Their Children
 1. Betty Lille
 2. Frances Lille
 3. Virginia Lille
 4. Donald Lille

The Children of Rufus and Lydia Ann Hathaway

1. Lydia Hathaway; m.; d., age 26
----- Haworth
2. Anna Marie
3. Harriet Amelia Hathaway; b. Oct. 24, 1857; unmarried; d. 1948
4. Ida Hathaway; m.
----- Parsons; d. 1919
5. Ella Hathaway; unmarried
6. Edward Andrew Hathaway; m.
Lida Waters
7. Mary Hathaway; m.; d. 1929
----- Roscoe
8. Elizabeth Hathaway; b. 1867
Henry Walker
9. Arthur Hathaway; m.
----- (wife's name unknown)
10. Daniel Bratton Hathaway; m.
Elizabeth Norton
11. Freelove Hathaway
12. Edna Hathaway and Ethel Hathaway, twins

Children of Lydia Haworth

- 2 sons - names unknown

Children of Arthur Hathaway
There were seven children - no names sent

- Children of Mary Roscoe
1. Mortimore Roscoe (A Doctor, in Newman California)

- Children of Elizabeth and Henry Walker
1. Henry Walker
 2. Rufus Walker, and five others. Five of the seven are married.

- Children of Daniel and Elizabeth Hathaway
1. Grace Hathaway; d. at age of 1½ years

- Children of Betsey Hathaway and Daniel Day
1. Child died young

Abner and Betsey Bratton Family

The Record of Abner and Betsey Wadleigh Bratton's Family

Abner Bratton and his wife Betsey were married about 1820 in Vermont. She was a school teacher. They moved to Batavia, N. Y., where their children were born. About 1838 they moved to Michigan where they settled near Coloma on a farm. They had stopped off in Branch County, Michigan, for about six years before settling at Coloma. Their farm was about one mile south of the town and was a fruit farm with a large variety of fruits.

Both Abner and Betsey were quite religious and active in the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal Church of which they were members. Although they had seven children, five of them lived to maturity, only to have four of them die within five years time. One son was drowned in Lake Michigan, and the other three died of tuberculosis. Abner and Betsey were brokenhearted over this time of trouble.

The other son, Milo, married and lived one-half mile away from his parents. When his children were young they would go to their grandfather's home and he would tell them stories, holding one on each knee. They would laugh and chatter with glee over his stories. His granddaughter, Belle Bishop, said she could never recall ever hearing him speak a cross word to anyone.

The record of their Children:

1. Jerome Bratton; d. 1856, consumption
Eliza Becker, m.
2. Phineas Bratton; m.; d. 1855, drowned in Lake Michigan
Tirza ---
3. Milo Bratton; m.; d. 1856
Mariett Wilcox
4. Martha Bratton; b. 1829; d. 1852
5. James Bratton; b. 1824; d. 1856
6. Mary (1st) Bratton; died in infancy
7. Mary (2nd) Bratton; b. 1838; r. 1852

The Record of the Family of Jerome and Eliza Bratton

1. Andrew Bratton; m.

2. Alice Bratton; m.
(1) Charles Smith
(2) --- Watson
3. Esca Bratton; m.
Charles White

The Record of the Family of Phineas and Tirza Bratton

1. One child died in fancy

The Record of the Family of Milo and Mariett Wilcox Bratton

1. Myron Gilson Bratton; unmarried
2. Belle Bratton; m.
Fred Bishop
3. Ella Bratton; unmarried
4. Mabel Bratton; m.
Frank Marvin

*Died Dec 1940 Buried Boyer Cemetery
Colombo Wis*

died 1912

The Record of the Family of Belle Bratton and Fred Bishop

1. Kellogg Milo; m. *6 children John, Bruce, Barbara, Mary, Fred, Carol*
2. Merna Snyder

2. Winston Fredrick Bratton; unmarried *5 daughters Caroline, Julie, Mary, Ellen, Pat*

DELLA FAUST

- The Record of the Children of Kellogg and Merna (Bratton) Bishop

1. John Kellogg; b. 1922
2. Bruce Allen; b. 1923
3. Barbara Ann; b. 1924

*Mary
Fred
Carol*

The Record of the Children of Mabel and Frank Marvin

1. Alden Marvin; m.

Francis Wood

*1 son
Stuart*

*2nd wife
Cecelynn*

1 dau. lives in Detroit Mich

Margaret Ann Marvin m

Sally and Ezekiel Harrington Family

The Record of the Family of Ezekiel and Sally Harrington

1. David B. Harrington; b. Sept 6, 1835; m.; d. Nov. 22, 1901

2. Sabrina Harrington; m.

Dalrymple

3. Elizabeth Harrington; b. 1828; m. Oct., 1849; d.

Merritt Ilwell; b. 1822; at Rome, New York

4. Fannie Harrington; m. Feb. 8, 1844; d. 1847

Edward M. Bratton; b. Oct. 1, 1817; d. 1893

David Harrington had six children; Five girls and one boy.

David Harrington and his family lived on a small farm near South Shaftsbury, Vermont. Evidently Ezekiel died at an early age. as the mother lived with her son until she died.

She was sick a lot and had to take sedatives, which was a strain on David's finances. He only earned \$52 per month at day labor. besides trying to raise his food on 3 acres. In an old letter written in 1866 he wrote that turkeys sold for 16c per lb., which was considered good. In 1874, he went to work in a sawmill, and soon became the foreman. Evidently he did well, because in 1881 he bought a farm that cost him \$3,000. It was near the Wheeler Bratton's place. Four of David's daughters were school teachers.

The Record of the Family of Sabrina Harrington and

James Dalrymple

From Dolly Whitcomb's letters I have pieced together bits of information about Sabrina Harrington. She evidently was left a widow early in life as Dolly spoke of her and the children but never about the husband. She was quite an active woman and did nursing and housework for a great many people in the community in which she lived. She also got around the relatives a lot and brought news, which was very welcome in those days. Her daughter Elvira died young, leaving two small children to care for.

1. Elvira Dalrymple; m. Nov., 1873; d. June 16, 1882

George Briggs

2. Fillmore Dalrymple; m. Dec. 25, 1873

Helen Chase; (daughter of Jacob Chase)

3. Jerome Dalrymple; m.

4. Amos Dalrymple

Children of Elvira and George Briggs

1. Ella Briggs; b. 1875
2. ----- (girl); b. 1878

Children of Fillmore and Helen Chase Dalrymple

1. Fletcher Dalrymple
2. Dexter Dalrymple; b. 1863; m. 1885
Della Stafford; b. 1869
3. David Dalrymple
4. John Dalrymple

The Record of the family of Elizabeth and Merritt Ilwell
We could find no family recorded for this couple.

The Record of the family of Fanny Harrington and Edward Bratton is recorded also in the record of Thomas Bratton's family as Edward was his son. Fanny and Edward were married at Stamford, Vermont on February 8, 1844.

1. Valeda Jane Bratton; b. Tct. 21, 1844; m.
Daniel Welch (a widower)
2. Clarence Linden Bratton; b. Aug. 9, 1846
3. Algernon Bratton; b. Oct. 24, 1847

Fannie died after Algernon was born and Edward remarried in August, 1849. Edward died on April 25, 1893. Clarence and Algernon also died about that time leaving Jane.

The Record of Jane Bratton and Daniel Welch

Daniel was a widower with seven children by a former marriage. He and Jane had one child of their own, and maybe more. Thomas mentioned a Clarissa and Dewey Welch as being hi niece and nephew.

1. Clarissa Welch; m.; d. 1866, consumption
----- Gordon
2. Dewey Welch; d. 1866, dropsy

The family of Clarissa and ----- Gordon

1. Cynthia Gordon; m.
Thomas Dixon

John and Julia Crawford Family

The Record of the Family of John Andrew and Julia Ann
Crawford (4th child of Dave and Lydia)

On record at Stamford, Vermont is the marriage license of John Bratton and Julia Ann Crawford of Bennington, Vermont, dated Feb. 11, 1829. They had one son, born while John was away on a trip west with his brother. There is considerable dispute about this marriage as at the time John claimed the child did not belong to him. Whether that was true or not, he did not live with the woman afterwards. The odd thing is that he was supposed to have made his trip west in 1831, which would be two years after his marriage. The child was named John Andrew Bratton. While he was small he lived for a while in the home of David Bratton, a cousin of his father.

Mr. Wheeler's records show that he went to school with David's son John and Dinsmore, Francelia and Lois. He later lived with his mother's family a few years and the Brattons lost trace of him. In 1866 after Daniel's death, he visited in Ohio. The folks there were glad to see him, and said he was just like his father in looks and mannerisms. They wrote that his father had never denied him. If he had any descendants I have been unable to get any trace of them.

Daniel Bratton

Daniel Bratton, another son of David and Lydia Bratton, never

married. He came to Ohio with his brother Robert, and lived and for and with his relatives. He was very well thought of and had many friends. He was always ready and willing to aid them both physically and financially. He died in November, 1864, and his estate amounting to \$2,200 was divided among seven heirs. Coming right during the Civil War, it was a big help to all of them. He was buried in Brecksville, Ohio.

David

David, another son of David and Lydia, died while young.

Betsey Bratton 1st

Betsey Bratton, another child of David and Lydia also died young.

Betsey and Isaac Trim Family

Betsey and Isaac Trim 1st

Betsey Bratton 2nd was married to Isaac Trim the first on October 15, 1818. To this union were born two sons:

1. Albert Trim; b. July 23, 1819; m.; d. March 20, 1896
Sally Sprague, b. March 25, 1809; d. April 12, 1889
2. Isaac Trim Jr.; b. May 20, 1822; m.; d. April 11, 1892
Philana Bratton; b. April 18, 1820; m.; d. March 23, 1891

If there were any more children in this family I could get no trace of them. The Trim farm adjoined the Bratton farm near Whitingham, Vermont, so it is not surprising that the families inter-married. Just when the families came on to Ohio is not known, but it is a fact that Isaac and Philana had a home in Brecksville, and at least two of their children are buried there.

Since the children died in 1851 and they did not move on to Michigan until about the time of the Civil War, when there was a general movement westward out of the war zone, Abner lived about four miles apart at the start, but Isaac kept selling out and moving around several places in southern Michigan. He had a farm at Bloomingdale, and later near Coloma, and then near Paw Paw and Bangor.

The children of Abner and Sally Sprague Trim

1. Henry Trim; b. May 7, 1837; d. Feb. 19, 1916
Mary Ann Walters; b. July 26, 1844
2. Eugene Trim; b. Nov. 4, 1846; unmarried; d. Aug. 27, 1909
3. Adelbert Trim; b. June 16, 1848; m. Dec. 22, 1871; d. 1924
Harriet E. Fridaline; b. 1845; d. 1910
4. Albert Trim; b. May 27, 1849; d. 1896
Nina Eugea Shedd; b. Sept. 22, 1872; d. 1895
5. Hiram P. Trim; b. Nov. 29, 1851; d. April 8, 1870
6. James Trim; b. Aug. 3, 1852; m.
Adelia Boyer; b. Oct. 8, 1853; d. Nov. 11, 1892

The children of Alene and Henry Stone

1. Helen Stone; m.
Robert Johnson
2. Mary Carol Stone; m.
Dennis Disbrow
3. Charles Stone
4. JoAnn Stone
5. Judy Stone

The Children of Helen and Robert Johnson

1. Bruce Johnson
2. Diana Johnson
3. Roberta Johnson

The Children of Mary Carol and Dennis Disbrow

1. Dennis Disbrow Jr.

The children of Thelma Trim and Fay Grimm

1. June Grimm; m.
2. Betty Grimm; m.
3. William Grimm; m.
4. Jerry Grimm; m.
5. Gordon Grimm; m.
6. Carol Grimm; m.

The Children of Adelbert and Hattie Trim

1. Charlie Trim; b. 1867; d. 1953
 - (1) Grace Smith, first wife; d. about 1898
 - (2) Millie Hall, second wife; d. 1940

The Children of Charlie and Grace Smith Trim

1. Floy Trim; b. 1895; deceased
Roy Belt

The children of Charlie and Millia (Hall) Trim

2. Alene Trim; m; lives in Bloomingdale, Mich.
Henry Stone
3. Thelma Trim; m; lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan
Fay Grimm
4. Belma Trim; m.; lives in Medford, Oregon
Herbert Barker

Floy and Roy Belt's children

1. Charles Belt; m.
----- (wife's name unknown)
2. Roy Belt, Jr.; m.

3. Richard Belt; m.

Belma Trim and Herbert Barker have no family.

The Children of Henry and Mary (Walters) Trim

1. Charlotte Trim; b. about 1867 (?)
2. Willie Trim

The Children of James and Adelia (Boyer) Trim

1. Nora Trim; b. April 10, 1882; m.; d. 1954
----- Rhoades
2. Burley Trim; b. Aug. 20, 1887; m.
Sadie Cassada; b. Jan. 3, 1890
3. Olive Trim; b. Aug. 28, 1888; m.
Charlie Decker

The Record of the family of **Nora** (Trim) and Lester Rhoades

1. Lester Rhoades
2. Williard Rhoades
3. Adelia Rhoades

The Record of the family of Burley Trim and Sadie Cassada
2 sons; 1 daughter; 9 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren (Ruth,
J.D., and Leo)

The Record of Olive Trim and Charles Decker

1. Hiram Decker (died after retirement from the Navy, in California)
2. Mildred Decker; m. Her first husband died and she remarried.
Now lives in Benton Harbor, Mich. Olive lives with them.

The Record of the Family of **Philana Bratton** and Isaac Trim

1. Daniel Melmoth Trim; b. Jan. 4, 1847; m. Dec. 25, 1865; d. Jan. 18, 1912
Sophia Bishop
2. Cassander Trim; b. Nov. 3, 1849; d. April 19, 1851
3. John D. Trim; b. March 19, 1851; d. June 23, 1851
4. Betsey A. Trim; b. April 27, 1852; d. May, 1917
Devier Bishop; m. 1880
5. John B. Trim; b. April 21, 1856; d. May, 1874
6. Willis Trim; b. Jan. 20, 1858; d. Jan. 10, 1862
7. Miles Trim; b. Jan. 1, 1862
Rosa Van Horn

The Record of the Family of **Mel** and Sophia Trim

1. Clarence Trim; b. Sept. 22, 1871
2. John Trim; b. Dec. 27, 1875; m.; deceased
Margaret Bigelow; lives in Bangor, Mich.
3. Kittie Trim; m.; lives with her daughter in South Haven, Mich.
Amos Kraiger; deceased
4. Bertha Trim; m.; deceased
Walter Hamilton; deceased
5. Ethel Trim; m. June 30, 1910
Harry Wood

E. Mar 14, 1915

The Record of the Family of John and Margaret Trim

1. Eulene Trim; m.
Lloyd Hessy
2. Ottilie

The Record of the Family of Kittie and Amos Kraiger

1. Mary Kraiger; Kittie lives with her daughter in South Haven, Mich.
 1. Fred Hahn
 2. ----- Billiatt
2. Dorothy Kraiger; m.; South Haven, Mich.
Gerney Schrontz
3. Infant son
4. M. D. Kraiger; Bangor, Mich.
5. Charles Kraiger; Coloma, Mich.

Children of Dorothy and Gerney Schrontz

1. Wallace Schrontz

The Record of the Family of Bertha and Walter Hamilton

1. Clarence Hamilton; Coloma, Mich.
2. Norris Hamilton; Coloma, Mich.
3. Hazel Hamilton; m.; Coloma, Mich.
Bernard Van Duser

The Record of the Children of Ethel and Harry Wood

1. Duane Wood; b. 1913; m. 1937
Frances Manspeaker
2. Roger Wood; b. 1916; m. 1940
Emma Jane Twyman

The Record of the Family of Devier and Betsey Trim Bishop

1. Ernest Bishop; m.
Maude Lozaw
2. J. D. Bishop; m.
Maude Hurt
3. Frank Bishop; m.
Hattie Barnes
4. Lois G. Bishop

Children of Ernest and Maude Bishop

1. Paul Bishop; died young

Children of J. D. and Maude Bishop

1. Marguerite Bishop; m.
Herbert DeMoor
2. Alberta Bishop
3. Lucille Bishop; m.
Harold Hoekstra
4. Frances Bishop
5. George Bishop

Children of Marguerite and Herbert DeMoor

1. John B. DeMoor

Children of Lucille and Harold Hoekstra

1. Thayer Bishop Hoekstra; b. 1926

The Record of the Family of Miles and Rosa Van Horn Trim

1. Edna Alice Trim
2. Cecil Trim
3. Gladys Trim

The Children of Duane and Frances Wood

1. Dian Wood; b. 1938
2. Roger Wood; b. 1942

The Children of Roger and Emma Jane Wood

1. Juda Lee Wood; b. 1942
2. Roger Edward Wood; b. 1944
3. Paul Morton Wood; b. 1949

John and Lois Wilcox Bratton Family

The Record of the Family of John and Lois (Wilcox) Bratton

The John Bratton was the third son of Robert and Betsey Farren Bratton who were the first settlers in Vermont. Not much is known about him except that he was a farmer and had a large tract of land in Vermont, near his father's place. His name was on the original Petition, so it may well be that the land was granted to him by the King. Lois was a small woman, and she lived to the age of 94 years. John died in 1856, age 88.

John Bratton; b. 1768 in Mass; d. June 21, 1856, age 88

Lois Wilcox; b. 1777; m. Oct. 15, 1801; d. Nov. 15, 1871, age 94

Their Children and Grandchildren

1. Elizabeth Bratton; m. April 26, 1835; d. 1872
Elum Boyd
2. Sarah Bratton; b. March 19, 1814; d. Feb. 18, 1864
Jonathon L. Faulkner; b. July 5, 1810; d. June 5, 1873
3. Abigail Bratton; b. Jan. 21, 1811; m. Oct. 8, 1851; d. May 8, 1885
Nathaniel Whitcomb; b. 1807
4. Betsey Bratton; m. March 15, 1842
James Rathbone Carpenter
5. Philana Bratton; b. April 18, 1820; m. June 15, 1845; d. Mar. 23, 1891
Isaac Trim Jr.; b. May 20, 1822; d. April 11, 1892
6. Ruwena Losana Bratton; b. 1819; m. Sept. 29, 1850; d. 1901
John Plympton Dix; d. March 28, 1886
7. David Bratton; b. Nov. 13, 1814; m. about 1835; d. Nov. 4, 1887
 1. Patience Sprague; d. April 2, 1856
2. Olive Roana Harrington; b. June 10, 1814; m. Feb. 15, 1858;
d. Feb. 13, 1883
8. Timothy Bratton
9. Harry Bratton
10. Sabrina Bratton

These three children died while young.

Elizabeth Bratton and Elum Boyd Family

1. Gratia Boyd; m.
Edwin Allard

The Family of **Gratia** and Edwin Allard

1. Charles Allard; m.
2. Jasper Allard; m.
Mary Sage

This was all I could get about this family.

Sarah Bratton and Jonathon Faulkner's Family

1. Sarah Losana Faulkner; b. 1848; d. May 30, 1849, age 7 mo. 3 days
2. Infant daughter twins; d. September, 1837
3. Infant son
4. George P. Faulkner; died at age 8 weeks

Abigail and Nathaniel Whitcomb's Family

1. Dolly Whitcomb; b. 1852; unmarried; d. 1911, in Indiana

Betsey and James R. Carpenter's Family

1. James B. Carpenter; b. 1852; m.
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2. George Carpenter
3. Ellen Carpenter; m.; d. Jan. 10, 1878
Elish -----

I don't know the name of James Carpenter's wife, but he had at least two daughters. The oldest died in 1878. James moved to Ohio from Vermont and lived at Lodi. He moved to Indiana in 1866 and taught school at Vistula. He had not had to whip anyone and thought it was a miracle. In 1872, he moved to Coloma, Mich., and lived in a house owned by Mell Trim, while he was living in his father's home. Their oldest child could not sit alone, although five years old, or walk or talk. In May, 1880, James and his wife and baby were living with Isaac and Philana and he started building a house on twenty acres that he bought from Isaac. The wife was quite sickly and bad luck seemed to follow them. In 1874 Betsey and her son George came to Michigan to visit James.

A few years after she went back, her daughter died and she took Ellen's children to raise. She and George sold the farm and bought a tavern. There was a Whitman Carpenter, but I don't know if he was a son of James or not. I don't believe that George married.

Philana Bratton and Isaac Trim's Family

This record can be found by looking in the Trims history under Betsey Bratton Trim's history.

Ruwena Losana and John P. Dix family

1. Calista Dix; m.
Joshua Kentfield
2. Cranston Dix; m.
Nellie Goodnew
3. Sarah Dix; m.
Lysander Hill
4. Elvira Dix; m. Jan. 5, 1835
Eli Green; b. Oct. 9, 1812

Calista Dix and Joshua Kentfield's Family

1. A daughter; m.
Charlie Putnam

The Record of the Family of David and Patience Sprague Bratton

1. John Napoleon Bratton; b. April 30, 1837; m. 1860; d. Jan. 9, 1818
Celia Maxfield Lovejoy; b. 1840; d. March. 1903

2. Densmore Albert Bratton; b. Oct. 3, 1841; m.; di. 1908
 Maria Smith
 Lydia Lee
3. Lois Martha; b. 1846; d. 1934
 Hamlin Bourne
4. Francelia Bratton; b. 1844; m. July 15, 1865; d. 1884
 John Furniss

The Record of the Family of David and Olive Harrington Bratton

5. Nancy (Nellie) Bratton; b. Aug. 23, 1858; m.; d. 1906
 Elbert Lovejoy; b. 1848; d. 1925
6. Joseph David Bratton; b. March 27, 1862; d. Oct. 7, 1862

John N. Bratton Family

The Record of the Family of John N. and Celia Lovejoy Bratton

1. Elma Evalina Bratton; b. 1863; m. Dec. 23, 1880; d. 1920
 Frank Klingerman; b. Dec. 8, 1857; d. March 17, 1903
2. Elbert D. Bratton; b. 1864; d. 1869, age 5
3. Francile A. Bratton; b. 1871; d. in infancy
4. Lois Patience Bratton; m.
 Samuel Zook
5. Thaddeus Wheeler Bratton; b. Nov. 30, 1872
 Emma Alice Albert; b. Apr. 17, 1872; m. May 10, 1894; d. Dec. 23, 1943
 Lura Alice Reynolds; b. Dec. 2, 1903; m. Sept. 24, 1944
6. Ora Myrum Bratton; b. Oct. 9, 1878; m.; d. Feb. 14, 1952
 Aura Haas; b. Nov. 11, 1880; d. Nov. 20, 1954

A SHORT HISTORY OF DAVID BRATTON AND PATIENCE BRATTON

David Bratton was born in Vermont, at Whitingham, in Windom County, Nov. 13, 1814, and died Nov. 4, 1887, in Indiana, on the farm they moved on, in Elkhart County, Indiana, after leaving North Royalton, Ohio, about 1867. He spent the early part of his life on his father's farm, back in Vermont.

His parents were John and Lois Wilcox Bratton. He had seven sisters and two brothers. The brothers, Timothy and Harry, both died quite young, leaving him the lone boy in a family of girls. The sisters' names were Elizabeth, Sabrina, Abigail, Sarah, Losana, Philana, and Betsey.

David was close to six feet tall and weight about two hundred pounds in his prime. In his younger days he was a professional wrestler(around Vermont and Massachusetts. He smoked a pipe, and raised his own tobacco. Just how much schooling he had is not known, but he was able to read his big family Bible, which he did a great deal. He also had a fair knowledge of Arithmetic and business in general, and was the administrator of his father's will.

I was unable to find any church affiliation. It is certain that his first wife, Patience Sprague, came from a very religious family, and his second wife, Olive, went to church at Vistula, at the time Richard Osborn was the pastor.

David had the misfortune to lose his father in 1856 on June 21, and he had just buried his first wife Patience on April 2, 1856. There were four children, the youngest, Lois, only was only ten years old at the time.

She was sent to Brecksville, Ohio, to live with David and Laura Bratton, who were cousins. She grew up and married and raised her family there, and is buried in the old cemetery there, where so many of the family lie today.

In February of 1858, David remarried, this time to Olive R. Harrington, the daughter of Rufus and Olive Harrington. She was born June 16, 1812, and died February 13, 1883. To this union was born a daughter Nancy Bratton, on Aug. 23, 1858. On the school records

of Vermont she was listed as Nancy, although she was later called Nellie. In 1862, on March 27, a little brother was born. He was named Joseph David Bratton. He did not stay long, only until Oct. 7, 1862.

On July 4, 1859, David and Olive signed a quitclaim deed to Luther Harrington, her brother, quitclaiming 160 acres . . . being the Rufus Harrington Farm so called . . . Meaning to convey . . . all that portion which Olive R. inherits from and out of the estate of Olive Harrington her mother, late of Whitingham, deceased. In April, 1857, David signed over to National Whitcomb quitclaiming all interest in a certain piece of land in Whitingham meaning to convey all right, title and interest in or unto the estate of John Bratton, late of Whitingham.

In Vol. 15, p. 167, a quitclaim Deed dtd Apr 8 1859 to Cyrus Wheeler, signed by Nathaniel & Abigail Whitcomb, Jonathon and Sarah Faulkner, Elam and Elizabeth Boyd. and witnessed by David Bratton, and H. N. Hix an attorney, conveyed land on Deerfield River, meaning to convey by this deed the John Bratton Farm, so-called and the same farm upon which Nathaniel Whitcomb now lives.

On the same day Lois Bratton (the widow) signed off. In 1857, James and Betsey Carpenter, Pohn P. and Losana Dix signed off . . . it being our share of the farm formerly owned by John Bratton, late of Whitingham deceased and on which the said John lived in common with David Bratton, a son of the said John, the said Carpenter and wife, and the said Dix and wife.

So by 1859, David had all of his business affairs cleared up so he started west to find a new home where the land was not so hilly and full of rocks. They drove a team of Morgan horses hitched to a high-wheeled covered wagon, loaded down with all the goods they would have to have to make a new home. Included with this, were some small Lombard Plum trees. These trees have been taken care of so that Miss Helen Bratton still has some trees planted from the original stock and so has Thad Bratton.

When David and his wife and children arrived in Ohio, they stopped to rest and visit friends in Brecksville and North Royalton. They stayed there a while, and David's Morgan Stallion was much in demand, as there were not many horses around yet so far west. Just who came on to Indiana is hard to determine, but we know that Abner Bratton and his family came to Michigan in 1831, and from time to time some of the relatives visited him, singing the praises of Michigan when they went back. Next came Isaac Trim, followed by his brother Abner Trim. When Mell Trim got home from the army, he married and settled near Vistula, Indiana.

A letter dated June 21st, 1866, written by Maria Bratton says, "We have got moved now, down in the lots. It is quite a good house for green hands to build, such as John and Den. It seems good to I tell you to get to living again."

In the same letter, Celia (John N. wife) writing to Lois Bratton in Ohio, stated "Your Father's folks are well, they have not got their new house done yet." "Nellie and her mother were over last Sunday and stayed all day." So we know that it was around that time that they came. In a letter by Mell Trim, he said David was a year a-building this house. No doubt he had to farm too and built the house in his spare time. Thad remembers the house, said it was quite large as log houses usually weren't that large.

In 1883, Olive died, and David was alone again. Nellie had married Elbert Lovejoy and had her own home. David lived on alone until 1887, even in his last sickness he refused to leave his home. He had the idea that he was away from home, and they had to hitch up the sled, and take him for a ride, and tell him they were taking him home, to satisfy him.

He lies buried in the cemetery at Vistula beside Olive, and near many of his descendants and friends.

Lois Bourne Family

The Record of the Family of Lois Bratton and Hamlin Bourne

Lois was the younger daughter of David and Patience Bratton. David was a son of John and Lois Wilcox Bratton, and a grandson of Robert Bratton. Patience was the daughter of a large family of Spragues, and she was in the seventh generation in America. They were of English and Anglo Saxon stock. Her father was Jonathon B. Sprague and her mother was Patience Pixley. She was born on March 1, 1800 and died in 1856. After her mother's death, Lois came to Ohio where she lived in the home of another David Bratton. Her father married Olive R. Harrington and moved to North Royalton and later to Vistula, Ind., where he is buried.
Isaac Hamlin Bourne; b. Feb. 12, 1848; m. Nov. 28, 1872; d. Nov. 3, 1921
Lois Bratton; b. June 12, 1847; d. Nov. 11, 1934

Their Children

1. Naomi Bourne; b. Sept. 28, 1873; d. Nov. 4, 1877
2. Glenn Bourne; b. June 28, 1881; d. Feb. 28, 1889
3. Harold Bourne; b. Jan. 22, 1880; d. May 13, 1938
Alla Rudgers; b. Feb. 27, 1881

The Record of the Family of Harold Bourne and Alla Rudgers

1. Mabel Bourne; b. March 11, 1907; m. Oct. 6, 1934
Joseph R. Abeles; b. July 14, 1906
2. Donald Bourne; b. Dec. 7, 1908; m. July 29, 1935
Charlotte Poots; b. Feb. 21, 1913
3. Clair Bourne; b. Nov. 6, 1911; m. Oct. 25, 1941
Marian Drake; b. Dec. 31, 1912
4. Elmer Bertram Bourne; b. April 15, 1918 (twin); d. May 9, 1918
5. Esther Beatrice Bourne; b. April 15, 1910 (twin); m. Oct. 12, 1940
Adelbert S. Wright; b. Sept. 28, 1914

The Record of Beatrice and A. S. Wright's Family

1. Kenneth Miles Wright; b. April 18, 1945
2. Kathleen Adele Wright; b. Jan. 23, 1951
3. Karl Floyd Wright; b. Nov. 10, 1954

The Record of Donald and Charlotte Bourne's Family

1. Robert Clair Bourne; b. May 25, 1939

The Record of Clair and Marian Bourne's Family

1. Meredith Lee Bourne; b. Jan. 6, 1943

The Record of the Family of Nancy (Nellie) Bratton and
Elbert Lovejoy (Daughter of David and Olive
Harrington Bratton)

1. Martin Lovejoy
2. Ezra Lovejoy; b. July 9, 1878; m. *1900* — *d. in 1947*
Matilda Roderick *B. Feb. 12, 1877* *d. Oct 23, 1957*
3. Bertha Lovejoy; b. April 19, 1880; m.
Jacob Y. Hershberger; b. Oct. 9, 1878; d. April 16, 1956

The Record of the Family of Bertha and Jacob Hershberger

1. Harold Hershberger; b. June 9, 1903; m.
Claudett McClain; b. Nov. 19, 1904

The children of Harold and Claudett Hershberger

1. Carlton Hershberger; b. Feb. 9, 1932 *m. Kayola PLATZ Oct 1957*
2. Janet Hershberger; b. Aug. 7, 1936 *m. May 31, 1958*

J. RESS ESHELMAN of Pa. a minister
The Record of the Family of Ezra and Matilda Lovejoy

1. Irene Lovejoy; b. Jan. 15, 1902; m. 1929
J. A. Phillips

John

2. Ruth Lovejoy; b. March 7, 1903; m.
Lee Jacobs
3. Milton Lovejoy; b. May 18, 1906 (a twin); m.
Arletta Carson
4. Mildred Lovejoy; b. May 18, 1906 (a twin); d. about 1925
5. Walter Lovejoy; b. July 1, 1910; m.
Helen -----
6. Guy Lovejoy; b. June 28, 1912; m.
Ann Simpson
7. Glen Lovejoy; b. April 3, 1917; m.

- Children of Ann and Guy Lovejoy
1. Boy *Robert Lovejoy m. Lillian Heidbraker*
 2. Girl *Judy Lovejoy. Apr 25. 1955.*
- Note. See dates in Lovejoy record.

The Record of the Family of Elma Bratton Klingerman
(The oldest daughter of John N. Bratton)

1. Clair Klingerman; b. May 25, 1883; m.
Nora Latshaw
2. Ethel Klingerman Creager; b. 1884; m. Nov. 19, 1902
Ernest Creager; b. 1881
3. Guy Klingerman; b. Dec. 13, 1885; d. Oct. 3, 1907
4. Mayme Klingerman; b. Aug. 25, 1888; m. Oct., 1912; d. Dec. 19, 1925
George Deer; b. Aug. 26, 1885; d. Aug. 31, 1921

Clair and Nora (Latshaw) Klingerman's Family

1. Audry Arlene Klingerman; b. Jan. 14, 1917; m. Oct. 23, 1948
Dale James Pomeroy; b. Feb. 12, 1916
2. Kathryn J. Klingerman; b. Nov. 28, 1919
Clifford H. Weakley; b. March 13, 1917
3. Cleo Klingerman
Hugh Mack; d. about 1952
4. LeRoy Jr. Klingerman; b. Oct. 10, 1923; m. Aug. 30, 1947
Madeline M. Pasenecker; b. Sept. 5, 1923

Audry Arlene (Klingerman) and Dale James Pomeroy's Family

1. Larry Lynn Pomeroy; b. May 17, 1952
2. Julie May James; b. Nov. 9, 1953

Cleo (Klingerman) and Hugh Mack's Family

1. Robert Rowen, age about 35; son by previous marriage

LeRoy and Madeline Klingerman's Family

1. Carolyn Ann K.; b. April 12, 1949
2. Nancy Lee K.; b. July 19, 1950

Kathryn J. (Klingerman) and Clifford Weakley's Family

1. Dennis Weakley; b. May 22, 1949
2. Donald Weakley (a twin); b. July 15, 1952
3. David (a twin); b. July 16, 1952

Ethel and Ernest Creager's Family

1. Franklin W. Creager; b. 1904; m. Feb. 11, 1927
Marion Creager; b. 1906
2. Basil Creager; b. July 21, 1909
Dorothy -----; b. March 17, 1904

Franklin and Marion Creager's Family

1. Thomas Creager; b. April 12, 1929; m.

2. Franklin Creager, Jr.; b. Nov. 28, 1930

3. John Creager; b. Sept. 12, 1935 ,
4. James Creager; b. May 27, 1938
5. Marilyn Creager; born Sept. 1, 1943

Thomas Creager and _____'s Family

1. Thomas Creager, Jr.; about 3 years old 1956

Mayme Klingerman and George Deer's Family

1. Jean Deer; m. Aug. 13, 1937
J. Miles Davidson; b. Sept. 28, 1915
2. Betty Deer; m. March 18, 1939
Samuel White

Jean Deer and Miles Davidson's Family

1. Karen Davidson; b. Oct. 8, 1942

Betty Deer and Sam White's Family

1. Samuel White, Jr.; b. Dec. 1, 1942
2. Patty White; b. Sept. 30, 1944

The Record of the Family of Lois Bratton and Samuel Zook
(2nd daughter of John N. Bratton and Patience)

1. Zeno Floyd Zook; b. Jan. 3, 1893; m. Dec. 27, 1922
Elizabeth Sutton; b. March 20, 1898
2. Harvey John Zook; b. Jan. 29, 1897; m. Aug. 10, 1927; d. Dec. 27, 1955
Ruth Jeffery; b. Jan. 19, 1903
3. Irene Zook; June 22, 1895; unmarried
4. Howard Bratton Zook; b. Feb. 5, 1900; m. Sept. 28, 1927
Thelma Lewis; b. March 12, 1905
5. Guy Marshall Zook; b. Feb. 2, 1907; unmarried.

The Children of Harvey and Ruth Zook

1. Harvey John Zook, Jr.; b. March 15, 1928
2. Lois Jean Zook; b. Sept. 27, 1937

Thaddeus Wheeler & Emma A. (Albert) Bratton's Family

1. Una Gladys Bratton; b. March 8, 1895; m. April 19, 1919
George Garberich; b. Aug. 9, 1875; d. April 13, 1951
2. Fern Elma Bratton; b. Oct. 4, 1896; m. Aug. 12, 1919
Charles D. Jackson; b. Dec. 8, 1893
3. John Albert Bratton; b. March 20, 1904; m. June 30, 1923
1. Velma Bollenbacker; b. Aug. 27, 1903; d. Oct. 23, 1939
2. Berniece Alma Collins; b. Dec. 22, 1899; m. Jan. 1, 1941
4. Thaddeus Glen Bratton; b. Jan. 26, 1916

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Buckle
Lynn
David
Bill*

Record of the Family of Fern Bratton Jackson

1. Robert C. Jackson; b. July 6, 1920; m. Nov. 6, 1943
Roberta Hassan; b. Oct. 12, 1923

*died 5-28-1978
1 child Todd*

Record of the Family of Robert C. Jackson

1. Allen Clair Jackson; b. Feb. 7, 1947
2. Sue Ann Jackson; born Oct. 29, 1949
3. Craig Robert Jackson; b. Dec. 28, 1956

*married 1-3-1970
married Sept 29-1979*

Record of the Family of J. Albert Bratton

1. Betty Jean Bratton; b. Dec. 24, 1924; m. June 2, 1943
Donald William Hamilton

Record of the Family of Betty Jean Bratton Hamilton

1. William Michael Hamilton; b. Aug. 7, 1944
2. Constance Jean Hamilton; b. Nev. 1, 1948

*married
married*

Record of the Family of Ora Bratton and Aura Bratton

1. Helen Bratton; b. Feb. 27, 1903; unmarried

John N. Bratton came to Indiana about 1866, and settled near Vistula. He had made the long journey from Ohio with the intention of buying the Tavern at Pat's Corners, located at the intersection of Road 13 and 120. He had been notified by Mr. Brown that it was for sale, however they arrived three days too late, as it had already been purchased by Squire Patterson. So he bought eighty acres, which he farmed, besides operating a blacksmith shop, at a point about 1 block west of the corner of 130 and 13.

He was a leading citizen, and served as Trustee of York Township for at least two terms. It was while he was Trustee that the schoolhouse was built in Vistula. It was during this time that his son, Ora Bratton, taught school for three terms, one at Wilson School and two at Center school.

John and his wife, Celia, belonged to the Christian Church at Vistula, and Celia taught a Sunday School class there for many years.

In later years John, with the aid of his sons, ran a threshing rig, all through northern part of Indiana and southern parts of Michigan.

After the death of his wife, Celia, he went to Vermont and brought back his cousin, Dolly Whitcomb, to keep house for him. This was in 1903 that Dolly came and she stayed until her death in 1911.

On Jan. 9, 1918, John passed on to rest at the age of 81. He, too, is buried in the Vistula Cemetery, beside his wife. Dolly Whitcomb is also buried there on the family plot.

Densmore Bratton Family

The Record of Cassander F. Bratton and Cora Bennage Family

Cassander Frederick Bratton; b. Nov. 15, 1869 at Vistula, Ind.; died Aug. 27, 1930

Cora Bennage; b. Nov. 6, 1869 at Vistula, Ind., died Aug. 13, 1947 and buried at North Royalton. Married in 1898.

Their Children

1. Rozetta Bratton; b. April 28, 1899; m. Sept. 21, 1920
Wm. Phillip Scheuerman; b. Oct. 8, 1899 at Cleveland; died Aug. 18, 1948. Buried at Bricksville Cemetery
2. Lois Bratton; b. Aug. 2, 1900 at Cleveland; m. July 28, 1920
William F. Gaffney; b. March 14, 1903 at Cleveland
3. Berniece Bratton (adopted daughter)
J. C. Lohman

The Record of Rozetta (Bratton) Scheuerman's Family

1. Leonore Lois Scheuerman; b. Aug. 3, 1821 in Cleveland; m. 1939
Donald A. Faulhaber
2. William Phillip Scheuerman; b. Feb. 3, 1923 at Cleveland; m. 1947
Mary Ruth Burger
3. Robert Bratton Scheuerman; b. Aug. 29, 1931; m. Dec. 29, 1951
Betty Jo Hull; b. at Springfield Mo.

The Record of Lenore and Donald Faulhaber's Family

1. Donald A. Faulhaber, Jr.; b. Oct. 5, 1940
2. William Robert Faulhaber; b. Aug. 9, 1942
3. Judith Ann Faulhaber; b. Nov. 29, 1946

The Record of William and Mary Ruth Scheuerman's Family

1. William Phillip Scheuerman; b. April 18, 1948
2. Jeffery Carl Scheuerman; b. Sept. 27, 1950
3. Thomas Fred Scheuerman; b. Oct. 30, 1951
4. David Michael Scheuerman; b. March, 1954

- The Record of Robert B. and Betty Jo Hull Scheuerman's Family
1. Phillip Robert Scheuerman; b. Oct. 11, 1953
 2. Debbra Ann Scheuerman; b. Dec. 17, 1954

- The Record of Lois (Bratton) and Wm. Gaffney's Family
1. Patricia Gaffney; b. Oct. 30, 1921
Frank R. Leach; b. Aug. 5, 1920
 2. Noreen Gaffney; b. April 2, 1923
Edwin H. Young; b. Dec. 1
 3. Kathleen A. Gaffney; b. July 8, 1924
 4. James M. Gaffney; b. Oct. 27, 1927; m.
Dorothy Nowalk

- The Record of Frank R. and Patricia Leach's Family
1. Louane Leach; b. Aug. 3, 1953

- The Record of Edwin H. and Noreen Young's Family
1. Patricia Marie Young; b. Feb. 15, 1947
 2. Penny Ann Young; b. Dec. 2, 1948
 3. Christopher Hugh Young; b. July 17, 1950
 4. Mary Elizabeth Young; b. Jan. 19, 1952
 5. Daniel Scott Young; b. Oct. 19, 1955

- The Record of James M. and Dorothy Gaffney's Family
1. Robin Catherine Gaffney; b. Jan. 6, 1953
 2. James Michael Gaffney; b. Dec. 6, 1954
 3. Timothy William Gaffney; b. March 10, 1956

The Record of Berniece Bratton and J. C. Lohman's Family
Were unavailable at this time.

The Family Record of Lewis Bratton and Mary Corpe Bratton
(Lewis Bratton, son of Dinsmore, the son of David Bratton)
Lewis David Bratton; b. May 26, 1872; m. Dec. 14, 1892; d. Nov. 15, 1928
Mary Corpe; b. Oct. 16, 1873

- The Children of Lewis and Mary Corpe Bratton
1. Forrest R. Bratton; b. March 16, 1893
Bessie E. Scovell; b. Feb. 4, 1894
 2. Lawrence Bratton; b. May 18, 1894; m. Aug. 27, 1921 *died Feb 24, 1959*
Mabel Ranier; b. Feb. 5, 1903
 3. Cecil Bratton; b. April 13, 1896
Ora Zeigler
 4. Dorothy Elizabeth Bratton; b. April 12, 1898; m. 1921 *died April 23, 1981*
Dale Charles Beaver; b. Dec. 31, 1892
 5. Arden Bratton; b. April 3, 1911
Hazel Eger

- The Children of Forrest Bratton, son of Lewis and Mary Bratton
1. Phyllis Bratton; b. Oct. 12, 1921
Forrest G. Bourne; b. Feb. 23, 1921

- The Record of Phyllis Bratton and Forrest Bourne
1. Tamara J. Bourne; b. Jan. 19, 1947
 2. Stephen A. Bourne; b. Dec. 1, 1942
 3. Jon F. Bourne; b. Aug. 31, 1948

- The Record of Lawrence and Mabel (Ranier) Bratton
1. Harriet Bratton; b. Aug. 17, 1922; m. June 1, 1947
Maynard Platz; b. July 3, 1920
 2. Larry Bratton; b. May 13, 1925; m. Sept. 10, 1950
Lois Aurand; b. Jan. 18, 1926

3. Mary Lou Bratton; b. Dec. 1, 1929; m. Nov. 9, 1947
Chester Niblock Jr.; b. Aug. 13, 1929
4. Delores Bratton; b. March 13, 1934; m. Aug. 27, 1951
Richard Black; b. April 3, 1932

The Record of Harriet (Bratton) and Maynard Platz Family

1. Phillip Wayne Platz; b. January 12
2. Pamela Ann Platz; b. June 21
3. Patty Sue Platz; b. Aug. 2, 1952

The Record of Larry and Lois Bratton's Family

1. Cynthia Joy Bratton; b. June 20, 1952
2. Timothy Joel Bratton; b. Oct. 4, 1956

The Record of Mary Lou (Bratton) and Chester Niblock's Family

1. Debra Lou Niblock; b. Sept. 12, 1952
2. Gary Michael Niblock; b. March 27, 1954
3. Richard Ranier Niblock; b. Feb. 7, 1956

The Record of Delores (Bratton) and Richard Black's Family

1. Constance Delores Black; b. June 15, 1952
2. John Richard Black; b. Aug. 19, 1953
3. Douglas Raie Black; b. Aug. 5, 1956
4. Jeanie Ann Black; b. Dec. 29, 1957

The Record of Cecil Bratton and Ora Zeigler's Family

1. Marvin Zeigler; m.

2. Carroll Zeigler
3. Hazel Zeigler
4. Ilene Zeigler

5. Lois Zeigler Mast
6. Ilean Zeigler

*1959. < Lois Colleen was married to Robert L. Kennedy
Died April 23 1981*

The Record of Dorothy Bratton and Dale Beaver's Family

1. Jeannette Evelyn Beaver; b. 1922; m. 1946
Arthur Boberg
2. Bernard Lewis; b. 1929; b. 1954

The Record of Jeannette (Beaver) Boberg's Family

1. Marcia Boberg; b. 1954

The Record of Bernard Beaver and ----- Family

1. Christine Beaver; b. 1955

The Record of Arden and Hazel (Egers) Bratton's Family

1. Joan Bratton
Oldfather
2. Sandra Bratton

Record of the Family of Louise Bratton, daughter of Dinsmore

Louise Patience Bratton; b. 1875
Stillwell Greiner

Their Children

1. George D. Greiner; b. 1899
2. Lucille Greiner; b. Dec. 10, 1903
Virgil Vance
3. Gordon Greiner
Mabel Davis
4. Glenn Greiner
Mavis Southwick

George Greiner's Family

1. Betty Louise Greiner
Richard Gilbert
2. Corrine Greiner
Henry Pawazzo
3. Gloria Greiner
Edward Dickelman

Gordon Greiner's Family

1. Gordon Greiner Jr.

Glenn Greiner's Family

1. Glenn Greiner, Jr.
Grace Napoli
2. Gayanna Greiner

Glenn Greiner Jr. Family

1. Gail Greiner
Marcia Greiner

Gloria Greiner Dickelman's Family

1. Linda Dickelman

Betty Lou Greiner Gilbert's Family

1. Georgia Gilbert
2. Dixie Gilbert
3. Richard Gilbert

Corrine Greiner Pawazzo's Family

1. Terri Pawazzo
2. Debbie Pawazzo

Francelia Furniss Family

The Record of the Family of Francelia Bratton and John Furniss
(Oldest daughter of David and Patience Bratton)

Francelia was the daughter of David and Patience Bratton. She was born in Windom Co., Vt., in 1844. Her parents moved to Ohio when she was 15 years old, and at North Royalton she met and married John Furniss on July 14, 1865. They moved to Michigan in 1868 locating in Assyria Tp. until the fall of 1877 when they moved to Hastings, Mich. Here they raised their three children. Mrs. Furniss died in 1884 at the age of 40 after contracting consumption from nursing a young lady who had the disease.

Francelia Bratton; b. 1844; m. July 14, 1865; d. 1884

John Furniss; b. 1840; d. August, 1910

Their Children

1. Electa Furniss; b. April 13, 1866 at N. Royalton, O.; d. Dec. 25, 1948
2. Minnie Furniss; b. Sept. 1, 1868 at Cleveland; d. Aug. 2, 1949
3. Clair Furniss; b. June 3, 1872 at Nashville, Mich.; d. Dec. 25, 1938
Harriet -----; b. May 11, 1876; m. Nov. 16, 1898

The Record of the Family of Clair and Harriet Furniss

1. Louis Clair Furniss; b. Feb. 19, 1905; m. June 9, 1928

The Record of the family of Louis C. and ----- Furniss

1. Louis Clair Furniss, Jr.; b. March 13, 1929; m. July 15, 1950

2. John Thomas Furniss; b. March 3, 1935; d. June 29, 1946 ✓
3. David W. Furniss; b. Oct. 19, 1939

The Record of the Family of Louis Clair Furniss, Jr.

1. Stephen Douglas Furniss; b. Dec. 12, 1951
2. Susan Elizabeth Furniss; b. Oct. 6, 1953
3. -----

Susanah Wheeler Family

The Record of the Family of Susannah Bratton and
Zachariah Wheeler

Susannah Bratton; b. 1763; m. Dec. 14, 1797; d. 1849
Zachariah Wheeler

Their Children

1. Whitman Wheeler; b. 1798; m.; d. 1867
Polly Faulkner; b. 1800; d. 1869
2. Elizabeth Wheeler; b. 1799; d. 1803
3. Susannah Wheeler; b. 1806; unmarried; d. 1879

The Family of Whitman and Polly Faulkner Wheeler

1. Julianie Wheeler
Asa Green; b. Oct. 6, 1821; m. April 19, 1849; d. Oct. 1, 1866
2. Rosanie Wheeler
Elias Carpenter; of Readsborough, Vt.
3. Cyrus Wheeler

4. Ichabod Wheeler
5. Henry Wheeler
Jane Sprague; d. 1887
6. Emily Wheeler; m.
----- Robinson; d. 1883

Juliana Wheeler and Asa Green's Family

1. A daughter (Nellie Green); m.
----- After Asa Green's death, Juliana went to
live with her daughter and son-in-law

Cyrus Wheeler and ----- Family

Two daughters, who were school teachers

1. Lillie Wheeler; m. Thanksgiving, 1885
Emerson Smith

Henry Wheeler and Jane Sprague Family

1. Daughter; b. 1875

The Record of the Family of Luther T. Lovejoy and Susan Maxfield

Not too much is known of the early history of Luther T. Lovejoy. However, it is believed that he came from New York State to Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and later moved to Indiana, settling around Vistula. He was one of ten children. His wife, Susan Maxfield, was also from the same locality. Her mother's maiden name was Gott.

The following are the birthdates of Luther and his brothers and sisters: Justus W. Lovejoy, Sept. 14, 1769; Molly Patrick Lovejoy, October 3, 1779; Patrick Lovejoy, April 3, 1801; Hannah Lovejoy, July 16, 1803; Eliza Lovejoy, July 29, 1805; Ezra Lovejoy, Dec. 16, 1808; Luther T. Lovejoy, Sept. 18, 1812; Clarissa Lovejoy, June 17, 1815; Justus W. Lovejoy, April 13, 1818; Lois B. Lovejoy, April 23, 1822

The Lovejoy Family

Luther T. and Susan Maxfield Lovejoy's Family

Luther T. Lovejoy; b. Sept. 18, 1812; m. Nov. 1, 1836; d. Aug. 18, 1900
Susan Maxfield; b. Dec. 15, 1816; d. Nov. 1, 1907

Their Children

1. Ida Hutolia Lovejoy; b. Dec. 20, 1845; m. Sept. 15, 1869; d. Jan. 7,
Henry Windom Erswell; b. Aug. 17, 1942; d. Apr. 9, 1922 1919

2. Celia Maxfield Lovejoy; b. 1840; m. 1860; d. 1903
John N. Bratton; b. 1837; d. 1918
3. Almira Lovejoy
----- Tompkins
4. Elbert Lovejoy; b. 1848; d. 1925
Nellie R. Bratton; b. 1858; d. 1906

The Record of Ida and Henry Erswell's Family

1. Justus Henry Erswell; b. Jan. 20, 1873; m. Sept. 30, 1895; d. Feb. 17, 1947
Martha Malinda Heffel; b. Oct. 17, 1873; d. July 8, 1950.
2. Ida Annetta Erswell; b. Nov. 17, 1876; m. Dec. 30, 1896; r. Apr. 20, 1925
Albert Templin; b. Aug. 24, 1872
3. Milo Lee Erswell; b. May 2, 1880; d. Nov. 22, 1881
4. Mabel Cecilia Erswell; b. March 26, 1885; m. Jan. 1, 1925
William C. Alwin; b. Aug. 17, 1891

The Record of Nettie Erswell and Albert Templin's Family

1. Vera May Templin; b. Feb. 4, 1898; m. Jan. 13, 1940
Ben F. Temple; b. April 6, 1895
2. Hazel Ann Templin; b. Oct. 24, 1901; d. April 29, 1916
3. Edward Henry Templin; b. Feb. 8, 1903; m. Jan. 24, 1925
Rae Marion; b. Nov. 11, 1906
4. Roy Albert Templin; b. July 27, 1907; m. July 18, 1931
Maude Plummer; b. March 23, 1908
5. Russell Bruce Templin; b. April 19, 1914; m. Dec. 31, 1942
Allys Marietta Klitzman; b. Oct. 23, 1915
6. Joyce Laveryne Templin; b. March 3, 1918; m. May 1, 1950
Cabell Morris Payne, Jr.; b. Jan. 12, 1921

The Children of Edward and Rae Templin

1. James Curtis Templin; b. Dec. 29, 1933
2. David Erswell Templin; b. Sept. 27, 1945

Joyce and Cabell Payne's Children

1. John Charles Payne; b. Oct. 16, 1951
2. Nancy Ann Payne; b. Oct. 24, 1952
3. Richard Morris Payne; b. Feb. 27, 1954

Lois B. Lovejoy; b. Jan. 1, 1843; m. March 14, 1860; d. Nov. 2, 1872
Andrew Meacham

Their Children

1. Sarah Susan Meacham; b. March 6, 1862; d. April 1, 1940
Joseph Starr; m. Dec. 24, 1876
2. Luther S. Meacham; b. March 24, 1862
3. Oizias Meacham; b. Feb. 27, 1864; d. Feb. 27, 1864
4. Andrew Preston Meacham; b. Feb. 22, 1868; d. Jan. 29, 1889

The Record of Sarah Meacham and Joseph Starr Family

1. Lois Starr; m. ----- Osborn *1 son Dale Osborn Sr. died Nov. 1918*
2. Myra Starr; m.; lives in Oklahoma *Mary Wise m Dec 11 1929*
Mrs. A. Caruso Ft. Cobb
3. Roy Starr; m.; Fort Scott, Kansas *b 1880*
Mrs. Roy Starr b 1881

The Record of Ezra Lovejoy and Matilda Roderick's Family

1. Irene Lovejoy; b. Jan. 15, 1902; m. 1929?
J. A. Phillips
2. Ruth Lovejoy; b. March 7, 1903
Lee Jacobs
3. Milton Lovejoy; b. May 18, 1906 (a twin)
Arletta Carson
4. Mildred Lovejoy; b. May 18, 1906 (a twin); d. about 1925

*Dale Nelson Jr
Jan 6. 1932
They live
on Long
Island*

5. Walter Lovejoy; b. July 1, 1910
Helen -----
6. Guy Lovejoy; b. June 28, 1912
Ann Simpson
7. Glenn Lovejoy; b. April 3, 1917

The Record of Bertha Lovejoy's Family
Bertha Lovejoy; b. April 19, 1880; d. April 16, 1956
Jacob Hershberger; Oct. 9, 1878

Their Son
Harold Hershberger, June 9, 1903; m.
Claudette McLain; Nov. 19, 1904

Children of Harold and Claudett Hershberger
Carlton Hershberger; Feb. 9, 1932
Janet Hershberger; Aug. 7, 1936

ODDS AND ENDS

From time to time different people have tried to make a family record down through the years. I have a letter written by Maria Bratton, in which she had written the dates of the birth, death and marriages of her family, to send to Lois Bourne in Ohio. This was back in 1903. About 1925 Laura Bratton Schwarz undertook the job and after assembling a great deal of data, laid it aside because of other duties. When I started this work in October, 1955, I began to hear about Laura Bratton at Ashtabula. I wrote to her, and she turned over to me all the material that she had assembled in 1925. I am very grateful to her for all the help she has given me. I would like to thank everyone who sent in their family dates, and to all those who didn't answer the letters, I am sorry. I write twice to each one. Maybe in about ten years it will be necessary to bring the book up to date and you can get your name in then.

Probably no family in the United States has had more school teachers than the Brattons. To mention a few, there is Miss Ethel Bratton in Bennington, Vt., who was a teacher for years, and who was mentioned in "Who's Who in Education." Then there was her brother, Walter Bratton, who was the Dean of Whitman College, in Walla Walla, Washington. David Harrington had four daughters who were school teachers. Then there was Ora Bratton in Elkhart who taught three years, and Miss Helen Bratton who taught twenty years in the Elkhart schools. Also, Miss Irene Zook, who taught until she became Librarian at Jonesville, Mich.; and Jacob Hershberger. La-Grande Thompson, a nephew of Ethel Bratton, is a teacher in Pownal, Vt., and I understand Dorothy Beaver was also a teacher. Then there was also Mrs. Bessie Bratton, and Minnie Furniss. These are a few that I know about, and there probably were more.

Then we have at least one preacher in the family, Larry Bratton. of whom we are all very proud.

The Brattons have also done their part in times of war. I can't give a complete record, but we know that the first Robert served some time in the army for which he was granted several thousand acres of land by the King of England. Then his son, Robert Jr., also fought in 1777 for a short time. Coming down to the Civil War. there were two that I know about: Joseph Bratton, from Ashtabula, Ohio, and Mell Trim, from Brecksville. Mell was wounded and had a crippled foot. Then in the war of 1918, Zeno Zook served his country.

In 1942 in World War 2, Glen Bratton and Robert Jackson, both

served overseas. The son of Laura Bratton Schwarz has only recently returned from Germany with his wife and child.

In Politics, Robert Bratton was one of the first Assemblymen in the state of Vermont. His nephew, Thomas Bratton, also served in the Legislature. He was a staunch Democrat. He was called a Copperhead. He was quite a reader, and his family thought him lazy because he would rather read than work. Wheeler Bratton, a Democrat, and his son, Walter, also served as Representatives of Vermont.

There was a string of blue and gold beads which was handed down through the generations and it was to be given to each Lois in the family. It was buried with Mrs. Lois Bourne at Brecksville.

Another string of beads is in the possession of Mrs. Ethel Creager. They are black and white glass beads, and are obviously Indian beadwork. Worked into the design is the name of Nathaniel Whitcomb, and the date of Feb. 5, 1837. It would be interesting to know their history. Nathaniel was Dolly Whitcomb's father.

Harriet Hathaway made a record of a great many interesting anecdotes, that were told to her by her Aunt Sally, with whom she lived as a little girl. They shed a great deal of light on the lives of the early settlers, their hardships, and the courage with which they met them. They were mostly farmers, and almost all made maple sugar, and syrup for their own use and to sell. Dolly Whitcomb and her mother braided straw hats at home to help out.

All of the Bratton women loved flowers, and were always anxious to get a start of various plants. Francelia raised a garden of hop plants and sage plants to sell. They were always writing to relatives and telling how nice their plants were. Aunt Sally Bratton, in Ohio, was another who was quite proud of her flowers, and especially her Dahlias. The women are not the only ones who enjoy flowers, as we have all seen the lovely rose gardens, and beautiful Petunia beds and Gladioli raised by Forrest Bratton at his home near Elkhart.

The Brattons are good cooks as witnessed by the food brought in each year to the reunions. In one of Dolly Whitcomb's letters, she stated that her mother was noted for her boiled dinners, and Dolly was an expert on pumpkin pies.

When Miss Ethel Bratton visited England in 1937, she went through the town of Bratton, and saw the remains of the old Bratton Castle. From the Media Research Bureau we find the family had a Coat-of-Arms. Due to lack of time and finance, I didn't go into this angle.

—Mrs. Thad Bratton - 1957

**A COPY OF THE BRATTON HISTORY AS WRITTEN BY
HARRIET A. HATHAWAY OF TURNERS FALLS, MASS.,
IN FEBRUARY, 1926, FOR LAURA E. BRATTON**

Recollections of Sarah Bratton Tuttle . . . to Harriet Hathaway.

When Aunt Sally was twelve years old (1830) she went with her Uncle Thomas to Whitingham at Thanksgiving time. It was very cold and she froze her heels. Her Uncle Thomas had a horse and sleigh that belonged to a Mr. Pike. Where Mr. Pike lived I do not know, but they were at his house all night.

Daniel and Willard Carpenter were "sitting up" with the two Pike girls, and the laughter and talk that reached twelve year old Sally from the "best room" made quite an impression, and so did another member of the family. This was a foolish boy who hid Aunt's shoes and handkerchief so effectively that it required a long hunt by the whole family before they were found.

In the morning after eating breakfast, they went across the Deer-

field on the ice to Aunt Susie's and Uncle Zach Wheeler's. They were about to eat breakfast and were just taking the roasted potatoes out of the ashes. They were delighted to see them and insisted on their eating breakfast with them.

Just when the visit to Uncle John's came in I cannot say. All I have recorded is that "all the girls were home."

When my mother was a little girl, Aunt Sally and Uncle Faren went again to Uncle John's and took little Anna with them. This visit was also in the wintertime and more than once the sleigh was overturned and the occupants tumbled into the snow. Why they chose winter with all its discomforts and difficulties for their trips I do not know, unless that was the time when they could best be spared from work.

I have in my mind a picture made long years ago, by my aunt's recital, a big kitchen, a big fireplace, the room full of people, "the girls," I suppose at least some of them, and the one boy, David. David was the idol of the women folks, of course.

There was a little old woman with a skein of yarn in her hands which she by mistake plunged into a kettle of hot fat, instead of water as she supposed. Well that made a commotion, and the little lady felt much flustered, of course. This was Mrs. Wilcox, the mother of Aunt Los, as I remember.

Everyone made much of little Anna, held her on their laps and petted her.

Lydia Spencer was the daughter of Thomas Spencer who lived in East Adams. I have not been able to locate East Adams. There is at the present time no such town. Thomas Spencer bought land in Wilmington, and summers before moving there, he and his sons went up there and cleared the land and worked the ground. Besides brothers Lydia had sisters Hannah and Anna. The father was a strict Presbyterian. Uncle Thomas was named for his grandfather Spencer, and was very fond of him and used often to visit him but was glad when sundown came if his visit chanced to be on a Sunday. On Sunday no work was done except what was absolutely necessary, from sun-up to sun-down. They did not milk cows or make beds until after sundown. Going to church along the country roadside, they could pick no berries or flowers and when at home sat in chairs without talking.

Lydia Spencer was straight and slim, about 5 ft. 4 inches. I should think from Aunt Sally's description. She was fair with blue eyes. Her mother died when she was young. The older sisters did the work and Lydia learned to sew, to knit and to spin. All of these she did beautifully and she did not care to do anything else unless it was to read. She read the Bible through twice in course and could repeat scripture equal with any preacher and better than many. When she was eighty-six (the age at which she died) she could read the Bible or newspaper without spectacles which she never wore. When eighty, she could make shirts beautifully and retained her skill at knitting and spinning.

Aunt Sally was a great knitter, and no doubt became skillful quite young. She and her grandmother used to run a race to see who could knit a sock the quickest. Aunt Sally used to knit by moonlight and firelight. Home-made candles were the only means of lighting their homes then and no doubt they were economical in the use of them. Lydia had one peculiarity about her dress. She always pinned her dress up the front, very precisely with many pins, never had hooks and eyes or buttons. At night the pins were removed and put back on the dress. I don't think buttons were in use much at that time.

Wilmington, where the Spencers lived, is a town adjoining Whitingham where the Brattons lived. When David Bratton married

Lydia Spencer he took her to live not far from his people. After the children came, Lydia wished to move away for she thought David's folks were spoiling the children, they thought so much of them. They moved to Clarksburg, Mass., a small farming town on the line between Vermont and Massachusetts and south of Stamford which is just over the line in Vermont. They lived in a very "back place." Perhaps you are not familiar with that expression, but it means not on the road most travelled or much settled.

The road is still there but it is so back from the main road I never have been there. In the towns that lie in the valley and extend up on the mountain sides running north and south like Stamford and Clarksburg, there is a road in the valley and one on the east and one on the west on the sides of the mountain. It was from the home here that the Bratton boys went to school in Stamford Hollow, the school there being nearer than any school in Clarksburg. Abigail Wheeler went to school here and became acquainted with Andrew Bratton. While living here their house was burned. It seemed there was some flax out, which Lydia thought ought to be got in. She and Andrew carried it into the house upstairs and it caught fire from the chimney. The father was sitting by the fire downstairs warming his feet with his shoes off, and ran out of doors without them and they were lost in the fire. Robert ran to the brook to get water and lost his pail in the spring. Neighbors were very kind. A man by the name of Mr. Blood took them into his home and kept the family while another house was built. A woman by the name of Robinson went to the Shakers and got a quantity of things for them.

Stamford is in a pretty valley extending north and south between two mountain ridges. The one on the east separates Stamford from Whitingham and the one on the west separates it from Bennington. Five miles south is North Adams through Clarksburg and this is open country. In the south part of the town (Stamford) the valley spreads out and is called the "Hollow" only my people and others always called it the Holler. The churches and the school were in the Hollow and further north was called North Part. Here the valley narrowed and the farms lay up along the hillsides. This part being near the mountain was wild land or at least was near wild land. It is not much different today in some localities and perhaps there are more people living there now than when David and Lydia moved to the "North Part." When Thomas and Andrew married, they lived not far from their parents, and I think they all lived in log houses. I know Andrew built a frame house before moving to the Holler which he did in October, 1833. My mother was born in May, 1833, in the frame house, and all the rest were born in log houses save Betsey who was born after moving to the Holler.

Great-Grandfather David used to go every spring to Whitingham to Uncle Zack's to get seeds. He always had asthma. One spring he was taken very ill while in Whitingham, and they sent for his wife. She went over and he wanted her to take the seeds home and get them in the ground as it was time for them to be planted. She did so and then hearing that he was worse she set out on foot. She met a Mr. Smith on horseback, he got off his horse and insisted that she take it for the rest of her journey. She arrived safely in Whitingham and the next morning a little colt arrived. She found her husband very ill and he died soon after. He was buried in Whitingham. Great-Grandmother (Lydia) is buried in Stamford. Aunt Sally could just remember when her grandfather died. She was born in 1818. Great-Grandmother broke up housekeeping and went to live with Uncle Thomas who lived not far from his father's. She lived with Thomas until his wife died, then she lived with Andrew for a number of years. Uncle Thomas built a house on Grandmother's third and wanted her to go to live with him. I have written you how she went in spite of Andrew's protests, who told her if she went

it must be forever, but finally when Thomas failed to provide her a home, she came back to Andrew's and always lived there and died there.

One story Aunt told me was how Great-Grandfather David caught his foot in a trap which someone set in his cornfield. Someone came and sprung back the trap but could not hold it back and so it shut upon his foot again. The man went for someone to help him and so finally the foot was released. I have no record or remembrance of what was said about the condition of the foot after such an experience.

The men folks at one time went off to a "be," a raising bee, no doubt, for somebody seemed to be raising a house or barn quite often. Aunt Nabby Thomas's wife thought she saw a bear and sent for the men folks. They came and saw a big black hog instead of a bear. My grandfather Andrew set a trap in his cornfield and set one of the boys to watch for bears while the rest of the male members went on to work in the fields. A bear appeared and the small boy running to the field cried not "wolf, wolf" but "bear, bear," and rushing to the cornfield someone was about to shoot the bear when IT flung its head up and displayed a fine set of horns. This time it was a black ox.

Aunt Nabby and Uncle Thomas went over a brook to reach their sugar grove to boil sap. It rained and the brook raised so they could not get across, and they crept into a hogshead and stayed all night. This sudden raising of our streams in the spring is not unusual when the snow melts higher up on the hills. Must be there was no one at home to worry about Thomas and his wife. When my Aunt Anna was living (she died at 16) there was to be a raising bee. My grandfather was going as was the custom at such times. Some man came to the house that morning and said, "Mr. Bratton, are you planning to go to the raising bee at ____?" Grandfather said he was going. The man said, "Mr. Bratton, I would not go if I were you. There is going to be a lot of liquor there and there is sure to be a fight between Mr. Devol and Mr. Lake. It is all planned and there will be trouble for someone." My aunt told me the trivial thing they were going to fight about, but it has left my memory. Grandfather did not go. They did have a fight and one of the men got badly beaten and there were arrests and a trial. The trial was at Bennington, the County Seat. Little Anna was summoned as a witness for she heard the man say, "There was going to be a fight." She was only fourteen and very tiny for her age. When she gave her testimony they stood her on a desk. And the judge praised her for straight-forward and intelligent testimony. Aunt Sally always told this with much feeling of pride and tenderness for her tiny sister.

It seems in those days the testimony of a child only 14 was taken simply for corroboration of what her father must have told or more likely to get what he wouldn't tell. This I am going to write I may have written in one of my letters. There was some dispute over the land which belonged to Great-Grandma. A man by the name of Finney claimed some which Great-Grandmother claimed. A lawsuit came up over it. Grandfather (Andrew) and perhaps Thomas had gone to Bennington to court and only the women folks were at home. My Grandmother Abigail and Aunt Nabby and Great-Grandmother. There had been hay cut on this piece of land and Finney's men came to get it up. They (the women) did not want them to have the hay because it did not belong to them, and also because if they took it that fact would more strongly establish their claim. The three women went to the field and as fast as the men raked up the hay into cocks, the women would sit on them and also run around and throw the hay all about. The men were powerless because they did not care to touch a woman, but how they must have sworn at all womankind and those women in particular. Finally young Mr. Finney came along going home from court and said, "Mrs. Bratton, you

have won the day; it has been decided in your favor." My aunt always laughed when she told about those three women acting like children at play but a tremor came to her voice when the good news was told.

All these stories are revealing of the life of those people, not at all wonderful, but eloquent of hardships and toil and anxiety.

When Grandfather (Andrew) lived at North Part, he had two sugar woods. He worked in one and Grandmother Abigail worked in the other. When Faren was a baby and not yet able to walk, they took the children to the sugar woods. Sally was about two years older than Faren and Anna a year or so older than Sally. Grandmother spread an old comforter on the ground and put Sally and Faren on it to play. In a little while Faren was walking. They took the cradle out and when he went to sleep put him in the cradle. I think I have seen that cradle. It was a very simple, rude affair. I am sure Grandfather made it. When Faren and Sally were older they had one sugar "bush" to themselves, and Grandfather had the other. Their father rolled up a back log for their fire and they could gather enough smaller wood to keep their fire going. He also hung the kettle and they gathered the sap and watched the sap boil. Of course, their father had to do the "sugaring off."

The children built a little house of boughs where they sat when it rained. Sometimes there were patches of snow on the ground, and they amused themselves by jumping from one clean spot of ground to another to avoid stepping on the snow. They were barefooted to save their shoes. Sugar seemed very important and no doubt it was sold or exchanged at the store for store goods. My grandfather always made sugar. Sally was thirteen at this time and Faren was 11, so you see it was about 183'.

Sally and Faren had no chance to go to school as there was no school at North Port then, and it did not seem feasible to walk about four miles to the Hollow, but they did go to church in the summer at least. The church was a little nearer than the school, about three miles.

They took their precious shoes in their hands and did not put them on until they were near the church. Stockings are not mentioned in my notes. I think they were not thought necessary. When Sally was twelve and Faren ten years old they used to take the corn to the grist mill with the oxen. Going through the Holler they passed Granther Millers, my grandmother's uncle who brought her up. His name was Squire Milliard and it was said that he and two other men owned the biggest part of Stamford in the early days of its settlement. When his children were married he gave them a portion of his ample acres; he did not treat Abigail Wheeler so generously; I think he gave her only a cow. They did not approve of the marriage evidently. But they were friendly and when the children came to their comfortable home, Sally stayed and visited, told all the news and got some in return to take back to her mother. When Faren went to North Adams to the mill, probably four miles father. Here he would have to wait his turn to get his grist. I imagine those two children enjoyed that trip. Sally had her knitting and sat on the bags industriously plying her needles. I wish I knew whether Grandma Miller sent something nice to Nabby, something she would not have. I think she did send her a hunk of cheese. They made cheese there and at this time I feel sure grandfather did not have cows enough to make cheese. "Nabby" had always been used to cheese and she loved it. This brother and sister must have been great pals. When Faren hoed in the field, Sally sat on a rock knitting, and sometimes she would jump down and hoe while he rested. These two were great workers. They began young and kept it up all their lives, as long as possible.

When Faren was twelve he helped wash the sheep in the spring.

He was a small, slight boy and quicker than lightning. His quickness was proverbial. The brook water was very cold, and Faren became much heated from exertion, and he also drank a quantity of cold water and the result was that he was ill, indeed, the illness resulted in what was then known as a fever sore on the knee. Doctors came from North Adams and it was decided that to save his life the leg must be amputated. Faren had a will and was equal to voicing that will in strong terms. I do not know all the bad words he used but he declared he would go out of life with two legs, go when he would. My grandfather told the doctors he would not allow them to amputate the leg when Faren felt so strongly against it. The doctors thought him a very unwise man to listen to the ravings of a mere child.

He never ceased to brag how he beat the doctors. So Faren after a long life of over eighty years went out of life with two legs, one of them terribly scarred and mutilated, but having all their years given him good service. He used to go to dances when a young man in spite of his lameness. And no man in Stamford did more work than little Fay Bratton. This was in 1832 you see, just after Robert went west, and this was prevented him from going. Also, for Faren was sick in bed a year.

My grandfather bought some land in the Hollow. Some of the Milliards said he would never pay for it. Before moving down he planted potatoes on the land and made enough from his crop to pay the interest and the first payment. My mother was born May 28, 1833 and that same year Andrew moved to the Holler. Faren had to be carried on his bed, placed on a stoneboat, I think. At any rate he screamed every bit of the way. After a while he was able to go on crutches. Then he managed to fall down cellar and break his crippled leg, and this was no misfortune for the doctor was able to put the leg in better shape.

My aunt was 15 when my mother was born, and she was the only nurse her mother had. As she grew older she was much in demand as a nurse. She was born with a gift for that work. People used to think if they could get Sally Bratton when they had illness, that they were sure all would go right. Here I wish to record a strange reversal of circumstances. I have written that Squire Milliard owned a large amount of Stamford. Well, today the descendants of Andrew Bratton own as much, if not more, of the town of Stamford than he did, and it includes much of the property that was then in the Milliard family. This is not because of reverses to the Milliards, they have passed on to larger spheres. The Brattons clung to the soil and still cling. My aunt Mary Jepson's children are the ones who still live in Stamford, and also one of my Uncle Faren's grandchildren and his mother (Faren's daughter) still live there on the old farm of Faren's, and another daughter lives on another farm. Frank Jepson always lived at his grandfather's from a young lad and kept the old farm when grandfather passed away. He has as many as six children, all living on farms in Stamford. One of his daughters married a great-grandson of Mr. Blood who took David Bratton to his home when their house burned. Another little incident of interest to me: Mr. Finney's great-great-granddaughter was well known to me in North Adams. She was a young girl when I knew her. She did not know how our lives had touched in the days before we were born.

The other day I read in the newspaper that a man resident of Greenfield had caught two wildcats and an otter. There will always be mountains here and more or less forest and wild land, so wild animals will be more or less abundant. Some of my second cousins in Stamford have been great trappers of foxes and sometimes a marten or minx is caught and bears have been frequently taken on Stamford mountains in recent years. When my grandparents lived

in the North Part, my grandfather used to set traps for sable or marten. When my Uncle Chauncy was an infant, as near as I can calculate, it was just 100 years ago in 1826, one morning Uncle John appears at Andrew's house and wants him to go to look at their sable traps. They were about to set out when my grandmother, still confined to her bed, told her husband that she wished he wouldn't go. He about decided not to go when John said "before I would be ruled by a woman." It seems Andrew could not stand ridicule and he went with John, the scorner of women. At this time they were living in a log house warmed by a fireplace. There were five children besides the baby. Sally was 8 years old and the rest younger. Anna was a little older than Sally but she was always small and frail, and not to be depended upon in hardship. This day became very cold and windy and grew more so as night drew on. The trappers should have been home in the afternoon at the latest, but they did not come. It became dark and the wind howled louder and louder and came in through the cracks of the log house, so that Mrs. Smith, the woman who was taking care of grandmother and the family, hung up comforts to keep out the wind and cold. Mrs. Smith says to Grandmother: "Mrs. Bratton, if you live this night out you will live forever." Imagine the anxiety added to their discomfort as the night, wild and rough, wears along, and the men do not come. I hope those little children all went to sleep and forgot that Daddy had not come home. The wood gave out and finally, in the night-time, Sally is sent to tell Uncle Thomas of their trouble. Imagine a child of that age going in the cold and wind and darkness even a short distance. It was not far to Uncle Thomas', however. In the morning as soon as it was light, Uncle Thomas got together as many of the neighbors as he could, and they set out to find the lost men. They agreed that if the men came home, Mrs. Smith was to blow a horn. They had not been gone long when Mrs. Smith looked out of the house and exclaimed, "Here comes the devil or one of his imps." The children rushed out to see and cry, "It's daddy, it's daddy."

I think John was ashamed and sneaked on home without coming in with Andrew, for nothing was said about him. He was a terrible looking object. His face and hands were scratched and his clothes hung in tatters. He was frozen and starved. It seems they lost their way and wandered about in the woods and bushes trying to find the way home. They could not sit down or lie down for long for it was so cold they had to keep moving. They even beat each other to warm up. That morning Mrs. Smith had made a Johnnycake for breakfast and some pieces were still clinging to the pan. As Andrew came in he tore off the fragments and ate them, so nearly starved was he. He made his way to the bedside of his wife and said in a most humble tone, "Nabby, if you will not say anything about this, I will always listen to you." I imagine he went to chopping wood. And how the children hung around him, fearing to lose Daddy again. I imagine Mrs. Smith cast many withering glances at him. I wonder who mended his clothes or if they were past mending. When my aunt told me this story as she did many, many times, she could not hide her emotion entirely at the very end. I wonder now if it was the remembrances of her mother's misery that it called forth, or her own experience which must have been cruel. A child of eight has great capacity for suffering, where their parents are concerned.

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Introduction

The purpose of this study is to investigate the effects of various factors on the growth and development of the human body. The study is based on a comprehensive review of the literature and a series of experiments conducted over a period of six months. The results of the study are presented in the following sections.

The first section discusses the importance of nutrition in the growth and development of the human body. It is well known that a balanced diet is essential for the proper functioning of the body. The study found that a diet rich in vitamins and minerals promotes healthy growth and development. On the other hand, a diet deficient in these nutrients can lead to stunted growth and various health problems.

The second section discusses the role of exercise in the growth and development of the human body. Regular physical activity is known to strengthen the muscles and bones, improve circulation, and boost the immune system. The study found that children who engage in regular exercise grow faster and are healthier than those who do not. Exercise also helps to maintain a healthy weight and reduces the risk of obesity.

The third section discusses the impact of environmental factors on the growth and development of the human body. Factors such as air pollution, noise, and stress can have negative effects on the body. The study found that children living in polluted environments grow slower and are more prone to respiratory problems. Stress, on the other hand, can lead to hormonal imbalances and affect the overall health of the body.

The fourth section discusses the role of genetics in the growth and development of the human body. Genetics plays a significant role in determining the height, weight, and overall physique of an individual. The study found that children of tall parents tend to be taller than those of short parents. However, environmental factors can also influence the expression of genes, leading to variations in growth and development.

The fifth section discusses the importance of regular medical check-ups in monitoring the growth and development of the human body. Regular visits to a pediatrician can help identify any growth problems early on and allow for timely intervention. The study found that children who receive regular medical check-ups are healthier and grow more normally than those who do not.

In conclusion, the study highlights the importance of a balanced diet, regular exercise, a healthy environment, and regular medical check-ups in promoting healthy growth and development of the human body. The findings of the study can be used to develop strategies for improving the health and well-being of children and adults alike.

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